

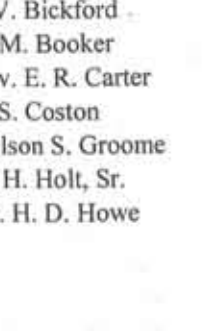


HAMPTON ROTARY CLUB

Decision To Form The Club, May 30th, 1921

Let Us Not Forget Our History

- * Hampton is the oldest continuous English - speaking community in the United States - 1610
- * First permanent parish - St. John's Episcopal Church - 1610
- * Birthplace of George Wythe - Signer of the Declaration of Independence
- * The first free schools in the United States were founded here - 1634 and 1659 - by Benjamin Spens and Thomas Eaton
- * First Africans landing at Old Point Comfort - 1619
- * First Battle of the Ironclads - the Monitor and the Merrimack fought offshore - 1862
- * Virginia Seafood Center - crabs, oysters, fish and clams
- * Veterans Affairs Medical Center - Established 1870
- * Fort Monroe - the oldest U. S. Army post, established in 1609 until deactivated in 2011. Now known as Fort Monroe National Monument.
- * Langley Air Force Base, established in 1917 - the oldest continuously operated Air Force Base in the United States and Headquarters of the Air Combat Command (ACC)
- * Home of the first NASA Research Center and birthplace of U. S. Manned Space Flight
- * Site of Hampton University and Thomas Nelson Community College
- * Site of the Virginia Air and Space Center, Air Power Park and the Hampton History Museum.



Paul Harris of Chicago founded Rotary in 1905

CHARTER MEMBERS

M. C. Armstrong
J. V. Bickford
R. M. Booker
Rev. E. R. Carter
S. S. Coston
Nelson S. Groome
H. H. Holt, Sr.
Dr. H. D. Howe

J. S. Wyatt

Harry R. Houston
Charles Kaufman
J. B. Kimberly
M. O. Lackey
Howard W. Saunders
Charles T. Taylor
Sam J. Watson
John Weymouth

FIRST OFFICERS

M. O. Lackey President
R. M. Booker Vice President
John Weymouth Secretary
M. C. Armstrong Treasurer

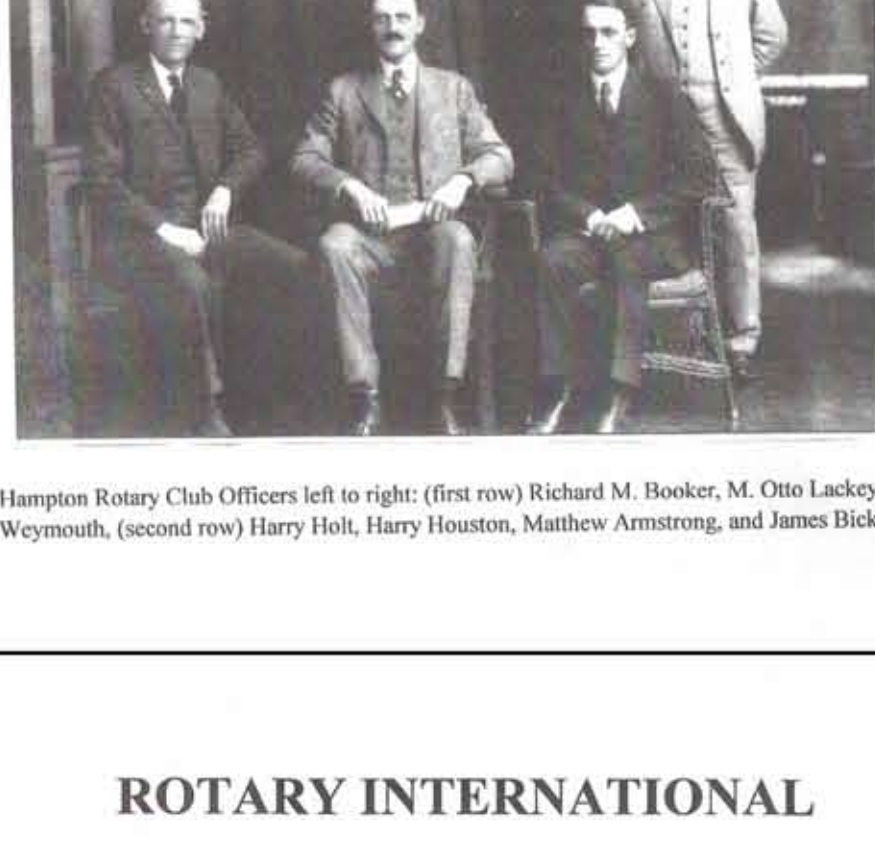
FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

J. V. Bickford
R. M. Booker
Harry R. Houston

Nelson S. Groome
H. H. Holt, Sr.
M. O. Lackey

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Hampton Rotary Club
John Weymouth 1928 - 1929
George B. Colonna 1963 - 1964
John P. Bowen 1983 - 1984



1922 Hampton Rotary Club Officers left to right: (first row) Richard M. Booker, M. Otto Lackey, and John Weymouth, (second row) Harry Holt, Harry Houston, Matthew Armstrong, and James Bickford.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Rotary International is a worldwide organization that provides service to others, promotes integrity, and advances world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. The Rotary Foundation is the chief means by which Rotary International endeavors to make positive changes worldwide. Through the contributions to the Foundation by 1.2 million Rotarians, Rotary International supports important causes in the world, such as clean water, sanitation, health, and economic development.

The eradication of polio throughout the world has been a major focus of RI for many years, and that objective is very near accomplishment. In addition to that project, a portion of the funds donated to the Foundation are returned each year to the local Rotary Districts to allow Rotary Clubs to target local community needs and to partner with other clubs around the world for specific efforts supporting their community needs. The Rotary Club of Hampton, VA supports this extremely important mission through donations to the Rotary Foundation.

The chief vehicle used by the Hampton Club to obtain donations to the Rotary Foundation is by naming Paul Harris Fellows who are members of the Hampton Club and also members of the local community. Each Paul Harris Fellow represents a \$1000 contribution to the Rotary Foundation.

In its history, the Hampton Club has designated 179 Paul Harris Fellows, 28 multiple Paul Harris Fellows, and 2 Benefactors. This represents almost a quarter million dollars in donations to the Rotary Foundation. Additional Paul Harris Fellows are added each year as Hampton Rotary continues to support Rotary International world wide projects.

The Hampton Club recently obtained a most noteworthy designation - a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club with every active member, currently 54 total, being a Paul Harris Fellow. This honor is achieved by very few Rotary Clubs.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Hampton Rotary Club

George B. Colonna *	May 13, 1976	Bronson L. Parker *	May 27, 1993
Francis W. Jones *	September 23, 1976	Allen Virgil Winslow	May 27, 1993
Capt. John R. Lawson *	September 22, 1977	Steven L. Arnold (Level Two)	June 22, 1993
Ernest L. Clarke *	December 7, 1978	Rodney B. Gentry	May 26, 1994
Dr. Wade L. Traynham *	December 7, 1978	S. Fear Hawkins, Jr. *	May 26, 1994
Thomas P. Chisman *	November 15, 1979	Lewis C. Parsons, Jr. *	May 26, 1994
Dr. Oscar W. Ward, Jr. *	November 15, 1979	James Diggs Ashley *	May 25, 1995
E. Frank Riggins *	February 23, 1980	Mrs. Sandra Perry Pickin *	May 25, 1995
John P. Bowen *	April 10, 1981	Joseph Henry Spencer, II	May 25, 1995
George C. Abbott, Sr. *	May 21, 1981	Lawrence Barron Wood, Jr.	May 25, 1995
H. Clyde Smith *	June 4, 1981	Douglas Wray Wornom	May 25, 1995
Douglas C. Broad *	January 1, 1982	John P. Bowen (Benefactor) *	June 30, 1995
Harold G. Jackson *	May 27, 1982	H. Manning Woodward, Jr. *	December 13, 1995
Luther Earold Simmons, Sr. *	June 24, 1982	Oscar W. Ward, Jr. (Level Two) *	April 18, 1996
Reuben Cohen *	August 30, 1983	Mrs. Catherine Austin Ward *	April 18, 1996
William M. Files *	February 10, 1984	Matthew Chalmers Armstrong *	May 30, 1996
Eugene M. Jordan *	February 10, 1984	James Van Allen Bickford *	May 30, 1996
Walter J. Shirkey *	February 10, 1984	Richard Marshall Booker, Jr. *	May 30, 1996
Luther E. Simmons, Sr. *	February 10, 1984	Rev. Edwin Royall Carter *	May 30, 1996
Francis X. Maida *	May 30, 1985	Samuel Smith Coston *	May 30, 1996
Robert F. Shuford	May 30, 1985	Nelson Smith Groomer *	May 30, 1996
Dr. William H. Traynham, Jr. *	May 30, 1985	Harry Howard Holt *	May 30, 1996
Robert T. Lawson *	February 6, 1986	Harry Rutherford Houston *	May 30, 1996
Lee D. Parker *	May 29, 1986	Dr. Harry Dresser Howe *	May 30, 1996
John E. Sim *	May 29, 1986	Charles S. Kaufman *	May 30, 1996
Robert H. Smith, II	May 29, 1986	John Browne Kimberly *	May 30, 1996
J. W. Whiting Chisman, Jr.	May 28, 1987	Mozart Otto Lackey *	May 30, 1996
Shirley S. Hodge *	May 28, 1987	Howard Watkins Saunders *	May 30, 1996
A. Woodfin Patrick, Jr. *	May 28, 1987	Charles Thomas Taylor *	May 30, 1996
Carlisle Leslie Tiller, Jr. *	May 10, 1988	Samuel J. Watson, Jr. *	May 30, 1996
William C. Andrews, III	May 26, 1988	John Weymouth *	May 30, 1996
Dr. Chester L. Fisher, Jr.	May 26, 1988	I. Neill McInnis, Jr. *	May 30, 1996
Powhatan L. Graves, Jr.	January 7, 1988	Robert Alan Wright *	June 19, 1997
Leonard R. Moore, Jr. *	May 26, 1988	Richard Franklin Clark *	June 18, 1998
Walter J. Shirkey (Level Two) *	May 26, 1988	Jerry Joseph Thibodeaux	June 18, 1998
L. Earold Simmons, Jr. *	May 26, 1988	Thomas T. Thompson	June 18, 1998
Richard M. Bagley *	May 25, 1989	Paul Rutherford Bickford, Jr. *	June 24, 1999
James L. Eason	May 25, 1989	Frederick Luther Riggins *	June 24, 1999
John Benjamin Graham, Jr.	May 31, 1990	George Ernest Wallace, Jr.	June 24, 1999
Robert Booker Andrews *	May 31, 1990	J. W. Whiting Chisman, Jr. (Level Two)	June 1, 2000
Steven G. Jackson	May 31, 1990	Eugene M. Jordan, II	June 1, 2000
Penelope Lee Whitley Ward *	May 31, 1990	Robert W. Nunn *	June 1, 2000
Robert T. Lawson (Level Two) *	December 13, 1990	S. Wallace Stifflet *	June 1, 2000
Steven L. Arnold	December 13, 1990	Charles R. Amory, Jr. *	June 21, 2001
Earl Edward Griffith *	May 30, 1991	Gregory F. Lawson	June 21, 2001
John Cabot Ishon	May 30, 1991	Timothy B. Smith	June 21, 2001
Irving Earl Lawson, Jr. *	May 30, 1991	Nancy C. Abbott *	June 21, 2001
John W. Newby	August 26, 1991	Edward Davenport Ennis	June 13, 2002
Douglas C. Broad (Level Three) *	February 17, 1992	Francis W. Jones (Level Two) *	June 13, 2002
Wesley R. Cofer, Jr. *	May 28, 1992	Donald H. Merritt *	June 13, 2002
A. Woodfin Patrick, Sr. *	May 28, 1992	A. Woodfin Patrick (Level Two) *	June 13, 2002
Edward R. Szelata *	May 28, 1992	Thomas T. Thompson (Level Two)	June 13, 2002
Browning C. Whetzel, Jr. *	May 28, 1992	Jesse B. Wilkins, Jr.	June 13, 2002
Russell S. Evans, Jr.	May 27, 1993	Wallace C. Arnold	June 19, 2003

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Hampton Rotary Club

Gwendolyn Amory Cumming *	June 19, 2003	Minta D. Wood	April 24, 2013
S. William Rhine	June 19, 2003	Harold G. Jackson (Level Two) *	April 24, 2013
Ann Darling Torney *	June 19, 2003	I. Neill McInnis, Jr. (Level Two) *	April 24, 2013
James H. Torney *	June 19, 2003	Robert R. Harper, Jr. (Level Eight)	April 24, 2013
F. Lewis Wood	June 19, 2003	Brian D. DeProffio	May 22, 2014
Robert James Field	June 16, 2005	Richard R. Flannery	May 22, 2014
Anna Van Buren McNider	June 16, 2005	William Harper	May 22, 2014
Lani Chisman Davis *	June 16, 2005	Perry T. Pilgrim	May 22, 2014
Major Albert Ralph Masters *	June 16, 2005	Kevin S. Steele	May 22, 2014
Hunter B. Andrews (Level Two) *	June 16, 2005	Molly Joseph Ward	May 22, 2014
Dewey Edward Wornom *	June 16, 2005	William C. Andrews, IV	June 15, 2015
Paul Rutherford Bickford, Jr. (Level Two) *	June 16, 2005	John Gately	June 15, 2015
The Honorable Wilford Taylor, Jr.	June 16, 2005	Michael A. Monteith	June 15, 2015
Col (Ret) I. Neill McInnis, Jr. (Level Two) *	June 16, 2005	Dr. Linda W. Shufflet *	June 15, 2015
Albert H. Francis *	May 3, 2006	Frederick C. Turner, Jr. *	June 15, 2015
Peggy P. Jackson	May 3, 2006	Richard W. Haman, Jr.	June 15, 2015
Robert R. Harper, Jr.	May 3, 2006	F. Lewis Wood (Level Eight)	November 13, 2015
John E. Sim *	May 17, 2007	Jim T. Wilson	August 25, 2016
Martha Stack Sim *	May 17, 2007	Forrest S. Ward	August 25, 2016
Oscar W. Cash, Jr. (Level Three) *	May 17, 2007	Ruth C. Simmons (Level Two)	August 25, 2016
Hardy W. Ward *	April 17, 2008	George E. Wallace, Jr. (Level Two)	August 25, 2016
William L. Davenport	April 17, 2008	Julian Whiting Chisman, Jr. (Level Three)	January 5, 2017
John T. Hart	April 17, 2008	Trina Coleman	January 25, 2018
Walter W. McMaster	April 17, 2008	The Honorable Albert Woodfin Patrick, III *	January 25, 2018
Stan Winarski	April 17, 2008	Mary B. Hartman	January 25, 2018
A. Paul Burton, Jr.	June 9, 2009	Richard W. Burman, Jr. (Level Two)	January 25, 2018
Billy W. Byrd	June 9, 2009	S. Fear Hawkins, III (Level Two) *	January 25, 2018
Jesse T. Wallace, Jr.	June 9, 2009	Donnie R. Tuck	January 25, 2018
Robert F. Shuford (Level Two)	June 9, 2009	Julian Whiting Chisman, Jr. (Level Four)	January 31, 2019
James L. Phillips, Sr. *	June 9, 2009	Romeo G. Lumaban, Jr. *	February 28, 2019
Robert R. Harper, Jr. (Benefactor)	July 24, 2010	Dr. Jeffery O. Smith (Level Two)	February 28, 2019
Asndrew Greenwell *	April 26, 2010	I. Earl Lawson, Jr. (Level Two) *	February 28, 2019
William H. Benson, Jr.	April 26, 2010	Robert H. Smith, II (Level Three)	March 16, 2020
Asndrew Greenwell *	April 26, 2010	William C. Andrews, III (Level Three)	March 16, 2020
William R. Harvey	April 26, 2010	Russell S. Evans, Jr. (Level Two)	April 20, 2021
Ronald Wayne Maust	April 26, 2010	Jay D. Dunbar	April 20, 2021
Henry Winter Morgan	April 26, 2010	William F. Guglielmo	April 20, 2021
Oscar W. Ward, Jr. (Level Four) *	May 10, 2011	Robert M. Holmes, Jr.	April 20, 2021
John Michael Cobb	May 10, 2011	Ronald Albee Quinn	May 21, 2021
Jeffery O'Neal Smith	August 29, 2011	David Hamilton	May 21, 2021
William T. Brown	August 29, 2011	Christina E. James	May 21, 2021
James L. Phillips, Sr. (Level Two) *	December 31, 2011	Lawrence Goodwin Womble, Jr.	June 10, 2021
Brian McMahon	May 4, 2012	Andrew C. Hyman	June 16, 2021
Gregory C. Bane	May 4, 2012	Kevin J. Owens	June 16, 2021
Linda Duggan Curtis	May 4, 2012	Marqueta Tyson	June 24, 2021
Robert G. Guy	May 4, 2012	Chad C. Allen	June 24, 2021
David M. McLinnis	May 4, 2012	Garrick Blount	June 24, 2021
Angela R. Miller	May 4, 2012	Robert A. Dreelin	June 24, 2021
Douglas E. Miller	April 24, 2013	Frank Craig Read	June 24, 2021
Charlotte D. Dillow	April 24, 2013	Jeffrey C. Templeman	June 24, 2021
Dr. Paul Peter Hogge	April 24, 2013		
Susan Gaylor McInnis	April 24, 2013		
Baxter E. Simmons, Sr. *	April 24, 2013		
Ruth Hill Simmons	April 24, 2013		
John E. Smith	April 24, 2013		* deceased

ROTARY CLUB OF HAMPTON 101 YEAR HISTORY

Just sixteen years after a Chicago attorney, Paul Harris, conceived the idea of Rotary, Frank Darling, a Hampton resident and a member of the Newport News Rotary club invited 18 Hampton residents to dinner at his home to learn about Rotary. The date was May 30, 1921. They were attracted to the idea of a civic group that would meet together to exchange ideas and to help each other in their business or professional ventures and that a greater purpose, the idea of service, called them to fulfill their civic obligation. The idea of forming Rotary Clubs had exploded throughout the United States, with new clubs also starting worldwide. They decided to start a Rotary Club in Hampton and they became the charter members of the Rotary Club of Hampton, Virginia.

The first project of the club, together with local communities, was to endorse temporary repairs and improvements to the old Richmond Road in the area between Lee Hall and Richmond. This was followed by the backing of bonds for the construction of Hampton High School.

A few years later, the road to Richmond again drew the attention of Hampton Rotary. Road construction methods were improving and it was decided to replace the sand and clay road with one more modern, with a hard surface to extend from Bottom's Bridge to Lee Hall. Hampton Rotary took the lead and enlisted the interest and cooperation of Newport News, Williamsburg and Richmond. Members of Rotary gave their personal notes for part of the necessary funds.

The next major project was the construction of the present Chamberlin Hotel to replace the historic Chamberlin Hotel that had burned several years earlier. Frank W. Darling was behind the effort and thanks to Rotary's assistance, \$1,600,000 was raised by common stock and bonds sold in the community.

Although the Langley Field Project was not an official Rotary project, it had begun before Hampton Rotary was formed, those who promoted Langley and NACA (now NASA) became members of our club.

Hampton Rotary fully equipped the Hampton High School band when it was organized, and on another occasion, completely outfitted the Hampton High School football team.

One of Hampton Rotary's significant projects has been its Student Loan Fund. Since 1939, many students made use of Rotary funds to further their college education. There were but two simple eligibility requirements: first, the successful completion of the first year of college; and second, a proven need. The money was made available at no interest and repaid after graduation.

The club now actively conducts fund-raising activities to help several significant causes. One, a Rotary International project to eradicate polio worldwide before 2020 received \$65,000 from the Hampton Rotary Club at the beginning of the project, with additional contributions since. Also, during the early 1990s, we raised \$100,000 for the Virginia Air and Space Center, and we contributed to the Hampton Y.M.C.A. to be modernized. More recently, Hampton Rotary Club has donated \$50,000 to support the formation of the new Hampton History Museum and we continue to support these projects. Along with worldwide Rotary Clubs, Hampton Rotary names Paul Harris Fellows each year by contributing \$1000.00 each to the Rotary Foundation.

Lately we have raised funds to build a new home for Habitat for Humanity; and we continue to ring the bell for the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle with over \$300,000.00 personal donations from Hampton Rotarians added to the Kettle Drive. We support the Peninsula Foodbank and participate in the semi-annual cleaning of part of the shoreline in downtown. We have held a weekly raffle to benefit Polio Plus and the construction of a Habitat House; and painted and landscaped three houses for VersAbility. Hampton Rotary's annual golf tournament is a major fundraiser for the club.

Interesting facts about Hampton Rotary Club and Hampton Rotarians over the years include: all five of the elected Hampton City Council of 1924 were Hampton Rotarians. Three members have been Speakers of the House in the Virginia General Assembly, one was Senate Majority Leader of the Virginia Senate and one of our members was a State Supreme Court Justice. Three Hampton Rotarians became District Governors. NACA and NASA Directors, Langley AFB and Fort Monroe Commanding Officers have been active or honorary members. The Directors of Hampton VA Medical Center, an early president of HU (formerly Hampton Institute), and Hampton School Board Superintendents and Hampton Mayors and City Council Members have been part of our membership.

and if that is not enough:

The seven original astronauts were Hampton Rotary Honorary Members and long time Rotarian Fred Turner's daughter was Miss America.

Rotarian Tom Chisman was a driving force behind the redevelopment of downtown Hampton under the theme "Olde Hampton". He then organized and promoted, along with Mayor James Eason, the building of The Air and Space Center. Both Tom Chisman and his brother JWW Chisman (Whiting's father) were responsible for the development of radio and television stations, WVEC and WVEC Channel 13. Channel 15, an educational TV station, was in the mix early and is now WHRO 15.

After World War II, The Greatest Generation came home to continue the job of making our world a better place. They started their careers and many made an international name for themselves. Hastings, Maida and Shirkey, Hampton Rotarians, were part of this group.

In addition to civic service to our community, the Hampton Rotary Club has, over the years, enjoyed some social gatherings such as family picnics, a yearly fish fry at the fishing pier at Buckroe, ladies night (now spouses night) in May and of course, a Christmas party for the children. It gives our Rotary families a chance to share life and be able to enjoy good times together.

A modern Hampton Rotary Club record of 43 consecutive years of perfect attendance, a record unlikely to be broken, is proudly held by Bill Andrews.

Our club continues to be directed by the guideposts set up through 101 years of service. May the Hampton Rotary Club continue to contribute to our town, our state, our nation and our world as long as it takes.

Tom Chisman wrote a complete history of our Rotary Club in 1980 that provided much of the commentary in this history. He was a master at story telling and explaining historical details.

HAMPTON ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENTS 1921 - 2024

1921-22 M. O. Lackey	1955-56 Francis X. Maida	1990-91 Kenneth J. Stavisky
1922-23 Harry R. Houston	1956-57 H. Clyde Smith	1991-92 Browning C. Wharton, J
1923-24 J. V. Bickford	1957-58 Hunter B. Andrews	1992-93 Lewis C. Parsons, Jr.
1924-25 G. A. Massenburg	1958-59 Thomas P. Chisman	1993-94 Earl E. Griffith
1925-26 H. H. Holt, Sr.	1959-60 Walter J. Shirkey	1994-95 Joseph H. Spencer, II
C. H. Hewins	1960-61 L. M. vonSchilling, Jr.	1995-96 I. Neill McInnis, Jr.
1926-27 H. D. Howe	1961-62 Ashley L. Briggs	1996-97 Bronson L. Parker
1927-28 John Weymouth	1962-63 Oscar W. Ward, Jr.	1997-98 Jerry J. Thibodeaux
1928-29 L. A. Thompson	1963-64 Lawrence W. Kiewer	1998-99 Eugene M. Jordan, II
1929-30 H. J. E. Reid	1964-65 Wesley R. Cofer, Jr.	1999-00 Lawrence B. Wood, Jr.
1930-31 Jack Cunningham	1965-66 Robert G. Clark	2000-01 Gregory F. Lawson
1931-32 Charles Kauffman	1966-67 Marvin A. Chapman	2001-02 Robert J. Feild
1932-33 Joe E. Healy	1967-68 Robert H. Smith	2002-03 Wallace C. Arnold
1933-34 L. M. vonSchilling, Sr.	1968-69 Harold G. Jackson	2003-04 Leilani Chisman Davis
1934-35 R. O. Purves	1969-70 W. Hutson Salley	2004-05 Robert J. Harper
1935-36 A. E. Steiry	1970-71 Richard F. Clark	2005-06 Robert R. Feild, Jr.
1936-37 George B. Colonna	1971-72 Powhatan R. Moore, Jr.	2006-07 Charles R. Amory, Jr.
1937-38 Starr Truscott	1972-73 John P. Bowen	2007-08 F. Lewis Wood
1938-39 E. Leo Kelly	1973-74 E. Frank Riggins	2008-09 Timothy B. Smith
1939-40 C. S. Revell	1974-75 Paul E. Sternberg	2009-10 A. G. Womble
1040-41 W. T. Saunders	1975-76 Lee D. Parker	2010-11 John C. Pope
1941-42 J. F. Darling	1976-77 John E. Sim	2011-12 Jessie E. Jallo
1942-43 E. F. Hunt	1977-78 S. Fear Hawkins, II	2012-13 Michael Thurston Wallace
1943-44 Alfred Forrest	1978-79 J. W. W. Chisman, Jr.	2013-14 Gregory C. Bane
1944-45 Oscar Ward	1979-80 Eugene M. Jordan	2014-15 Richard R. Flannery
1945-46 Wade L. Traynham	1980-81 Robert F. Shuford	2015-16 Ronald Albee Quinn
1946-47 Alex M. Conner	1981-82 Reuben Cohen	2016-17 Richard W. Harman, Jr.
1947-48 Walter H. Rogers	1982-83 L. Earold Simmons, Jr.	2017-18 James L. Phillips, Jr.
1948-49 P. Graham Bowman	1983-84 A. Woodfin Patrick, Jr.	2018-19 Romeo G. Lumaban, Jr.
1949-50 John A. Clark	1984-85 James L. Eason	2019-20 Jeffery C