

# Rotary

## E-Club of Global Trekkers

### Club History

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#### Beginnings

It's often said that "Rotary happens in the clubs." What's meant by that is that each club has its own individuality or personality. If so, what's the Global Trekker personality? Adjectives like fun, smart, new, "with it," friendly, wonderful, informative, etc., etc. just roll off one's lips. The truth is, Global Trekkers is what you make of it. It is for you to determine. It's your club.

#### The oldest newest e-club

Our real birth date is 22 February 1947. This is when Rotary International Club Number #6087 was chartered. The club was originally called the Rotary Club of Walnut Cove. Walnut Cove is a small rural community located in Stokes County, North Carolina. Back in 1947 it was a typical small town, having doctors, dentists, attorneys and other such small businessmen that formed the nucleus of Rotary at its start.

And then there started the drift towards centralization: Most occupations started to move to central locations - larger towns and cities. The thriving community of Walnut Cove became something of a "back water." Some small businesses still exist, but the community does not have the variety of services it had a century ago. Membership at the Rotary Club of Walnut Cove suffered as a result. The club got to the point where it was in imminent danger of losing its charter.

At the same time the Walnut Cove club was faltering an effort was underway to start a video conferenced based e-club in District 7690. This effort was led by three eager Rotarians: Kay Danes, Ken Gamble and Ray Pifer. But recruitment to the e-club was very slow. In a brilliant effort to speed things up, district leadership proposed a merger of the e-club and the Rotary Club of Walnut Cove. The merger of the two created the Rotary E-Club of Global Trekkers D7690 which formed on the very last day of the 2016-17 Rotary Year.

## **Did you know where these things originated?**

### **Our Name**

The name “Global Trekkers” originated in jest out of an early meeting where parallels with “Star Trek” and Rotary were drawn. It was Rotarian Kay Danes who actually coined the name: “It made perfect sense, seeing how we are located across the globe and all travel for conferences and humanitarian services.’ Before the e-club became a reality, all members voted on alternatives like “The Cove,” “Roots and Branches,” and some less well-chosen potential names. “Global Trekkers” was the winner, and the Vulcan salute a natural outcome of that.

### **Our Shirt**

Kay Danes also designed the logo and proposed our Club shirts. Being an Aussie Rules Footy fan, Kay fashioned the Global Trekkers colors on her favourite team: The Essendon Bombers. The design of the ‘bowling shirt’ was adopted from the TV show: ‘Three and a Half-men’ with Charlie Sheen. Charter members Kay, Ray and Ken were not really bowling or Sheen fans. It was more so the comfort factor of the shirts and that they were gender friendly.

### **Our Hat**

When Angel Nieto Perez of Mexico became a member, he got our Global Trekker baseball hats made. He sent one to each club member at the time (2019). Members had a choice of colors.

### **Our Newsletter**

Our Global Trekker Website was created by the genius of Global Trekker Reid Perkins. He and Romanie Guinness also created the ‘Captain’s Log’ Global Trekker Newsletter. Originally our newsletter was produced by John Ebert but other commitments took him away.

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