

In anticipation of Rotary Club 33's Centennial in 2011, let's turn the clock back to 1942; 67 years ago. Rotary learned about the sport of wrestling when guest speaker Bert L. Shurleff shared "Wrestling Revelations" with downtown members at the meeting of Thursday, July 30, 1942. The printed program doesn't tell us if there were any "hands on" wrestling demonstrations, but those in attendance did glean back story tidbits about modern professional wrestling. If speaker topics of the day reflect contemporary times, then wrestling must have been a popular entertainment in 1942. But, remember, membership was restricted to men. We don't know what the reception would have been were there women in Rotary in 1942. Jackson T. Butterfield was President of Club 33 that year, and his Rotary classification was auto financing. Six new members were introduced to the club that day, and they were enthusiastically welcomed. In a reminder which is as timely today as it was at the July 30, 1942 meeting, Rotarians were counseled to "Remember one of the first objects of Rotary: the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service. How many new members did YOU say hello to last week?" And that's your Club 33 History Minute.