

Verdun Rotarians Attend Combined Clubs' Meeting

International Rotary President, A. Lageux, Speaks in Montreal

President Randy Routh, a head table guest, led a delegation of 15 members of the Verdun Rotary Club to a combined meeting of Rotary clubs in the Montreal district on Tuesday, at which the International President, Arthur Lageux, was the guest speaker.

In his talk to the assembled Rotarians, Mr. Lageux, who is the first International president to pay a visit to Montreal clubs in the past decade, stressed the importance of Rotary ideals of service.

"It seems to me that Rotary has a contribution to make which is beyond that of the United Nations, but only as a complement thereto," the Quebec City Rotarian added, "Power, wealth, diplomacy are not tools for Rotary's use. They are far simpler, but none the less important for they are in every man's hands — friendship and service."

The International president commented that there is behind the Iron Curtain a groping for the very thing for which Rotary stands. "It is to be hoped that gradually, world conditions will so modify as to make possible the further extension of Rotary, for the sake of those people who desire peace and understanding."

He said that Rotary was not a business, but an idea and without informality. The speaker stressed that the worth of Rotary is measured by its individual service, and that it was because Rotarians recognized the call and importance of business that they had organized themselves with business and professional affiliations. But they carried on not to see what they could get from one another, but what they could do for one another, the speaker concluded.