

A WORD FROM THE CLUB HISTORIAN

by Tony Wright

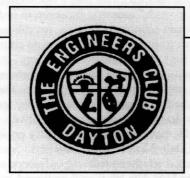
et me take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Tony Wright, and I am the Club Historian for the Engineers Club of Dayton. I am a graduate of Wright State University with a bachelor's in history, and am currently enrolled in the Public History Program of Graduate Studies at Wright State. It is my duty to preserve the history of the Engineers Club and to promote the historical importance of this institution throughout the community.

In the following months, the Engineers Club will be involved in various educational activities. The following is a list of events that are currently in development.

I have worked out an agreement with Brian Hackett, executive director of the Montgomery County Historical Society, and Bill West, manager of Historical Services at NCR, that will allow the Engineers Club of Dayton to exhibit several NCR cash registers. It should be noted that Brian Hackett is a new member of the Club. The Engineers Club and the Montgomery County Historical Society will work together to create an

exhibit for the Club that will celebrate Dayton's inventors.

Finally, I have worked out a plan with Herb Davis, executive director of the Engineers Club, that will allow local science teachers the opportunity to use the auditorium to perform various science experiments for local elementary, middle, junior high and high school students. I look forward to meeting all of the Club members, and if you can assist me with certain historical matters here at the Club, please contact me at 228-2148.



Valley of the Giants

Julian G. Lange

Julian G. Lange was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 19, 1918, and died recently on November 16, 1998, at his Dayton home. He was the son of Carl A. and Rose Lange of Dayton, and graduated from Oakwood High School in 1936 and from Miami University in 1940. In 1943, he married his wife of 49 years, Marjorie Bailey Lange, and joined his father at the Apex Machine and Tool Company in Dayton.

His father, Carl, was president and CEO of Apex, and a member of the Engineers Club from 1936 (the same year that George Stillwagon joined the Club). Julian joined the Engineers Club in 1944, and because of the successful universal ball joints that Stillwagon had developed, George was asked to become the chief engineer of Apex, which resulted in forty-nine patents in the field of universal joints.

Julian became president and CEO of Apex in the early 1960s, and retired in 1983. He was very



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charitable and made contributions to Children's Medical Center, Kettering College of Medical Arts, Miami University, the Mayo Clinic, the Lange Rehabilitation Center, United Cerebral Palsy and Kettering Medical Center.

In addition to a successful business life, he actively served on the boards of the Gardner Denver Company, the Lambert Corporation, the Gossinger Company, the Kettering Medical Center, and the Miami Valley School. He was a member of Moraine and Dayton Country Clubs, the Racquet Club, and the Naples Yacht Club.

Mr. Lange is survived by his son, Richard, of San Antonio, Texas; daughter, Julie Peyton of Peterborough, New Hampshire; three grandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. Charles W. Hayes of Dayton and Betty Lambert of St. Simon, Georgia.

It is with pride that we can place the name of Julian G. Lange upon the roll of our treasured VALLEY OF THE GIANTS!