

Charles Jacob Dickgiesser was a charter member of the Derby-Shelton Rotary Club when it was admitted on May 24, 1927 as a member of Rotary International, was elected as its first Treasurer and served as the third President of the Club in 1929-1930. He was born in Derby on May 22, 1883, son of Joseph and Amalia Haeusler Dickgiesser. Charles was married to Etta Sherwood Allen.

His earlier occupations were listed as clerk in a tin store, clerk for the Birmingham Hotel of which his mother was shown as proprietor and then later as a master plumber. In 1906, he established the Charles J. Dickgiesser Company and merged his business with the William Haussler & Company, a plumbing business. The company advertised its self as a "tinning and heating" at that time and then later as a "sheet metal" company. The Charles J. Dickgiesser Company, located on Roosevelt Avenue in Derby, is a family owned and operated business specializing in the manufacture of custom machinery, metal fabrications, weldments and machined parts.