

Casimir John Turaj was the proprietor of a footwear store located at 100 Center Street in Shelton at the time of his term as President of the Derby-Shelton Rotary Club during Rotary Year 1975-1976. He was born in Derby April 1, 1921 son of John and Bronislawa "Bertha" Budzik Turaj who came to Connecticut from Poland. He and his wife Eva lived in Ansonia.

Cas was involved in retail sales during his professional life. He was manager of an automotive accessories store on Main Street in Derby for years and manager of Topps Discount House in West Haven before establishing the footwear outlet in Shelton. His store catered to the less fortunate children of the Valley selling a variety of sneakers at affordable prices.

He was a World War Veteran serving in the US Army 1944-1946. Cas, community spirited and a devoted Rotarian, passed away August 28, 1984 at the age of 63.