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"Service above Self"



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History & Growth of Rotary

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YEAR	RI PRESIDENT	IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS DURING THE YEAR		CLUBS	Rotarians	
1868		19 th April- Paul P. Harris was born in Racine, Wisconsin USA				
1896		Paul Harris settled in Chicago, Illinois, USA				
1900		Paul Harris professional &	 conceived the idea - to have a club of business people for friendship.			
1905		❖ 23rd February- (Lawyer 37 years) companions- Merchant), Engineer) and Tailor) – in Loehr’s Building, 127, Chicago, USA and ❖ Harry Ruggles joined as the 5th Rotarian of the club. ❖ The second meeting of the club was at Paul Harris’s office at the Wolff Building on 9th March and had 7 members, the sixth and seventh being		(Thursday): Paul Harris met three young business Silvester Schiele (Coal Gustavus Loehr (Mining Hiram Shorey (Merchant office at 711, Unity Dearborn Street, explained his idea of a unique service and fellowship club, one in which the various businesses and professions of a community are represented. Rotary was born from this meeting on 23 rd Feb, thus starting a movement destined to spread around the world.	1	12



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		William Jenson and A.L. White ❖ The Rotary name was derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members’ offices ❖ Silvester Schiele was the first club president of the first Rotary Club. ❖ William Jenson was the first secretary of the first Rotary Club.  The original four Rotarians: (left to right) Gustavus E. Loehr; Silvester Schiele; Hiram E. Shorey and Paul P. Harris, founder.  First officers of the first Rotary Club (left to right): Paul P. Harris, founder of Rotary; Silvester Schiele, president; William Jensen, secretary; and Harry Ruggles, treasurer.		
1906		❖ “Wagon wheel” design of Montague M. Bear adopted as emblem of the new Rotary Club ❖ Albert L. White, served as second president of the club		
1907		❖ Rotary Club Chicago installs “public restroom” in City Hall- probably first example of Rotary Community Service ❖ Paul Harris became President of Rotary Club Chicago.		
1908		❖ 2nd Rotary Club organized in San Francisco (California) USA ❖ Rotary Emblem design was modified.	2	200

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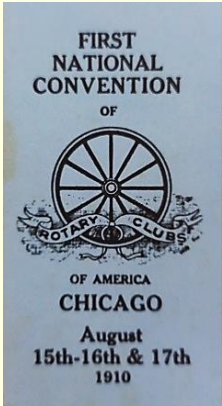
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		❖ Harry Ruggles introduced Chesley R. Perry as prospective member to the Rotary Club of Chicago.		
1909		❖ 3 rd Rotary Club organized in – Oakland (California) USA ❖ 4 th Rotary Club organized in - Seattle (Washington) USA ❖ 5 th Rotary Club organized in – Los Angles (California) USA ❖ 6 th Rotary Club organized in – New York (New York) USA ❖ Rotary extended from pacific coast to Atlantic Coast of USA, with organization of clubs in New York City & Boston	6	510
1910		❖ Paul Harris met and courted Jean Thompson, a young woman who had migrated from Scotland, and married her on 2nd July 1910 in Chicago. 		
1910-11	Paul P Harris 	❖ RI Convention : Chicago , Illinois, USA (60) ❖ Establishment of Rotary Year from 1 st July to 30 th June ❖ 1 st R.I. Convention was held at Chicago Aug 15-17, 1910 (60 registrations.)  The official picture of the first Rotary Convention held in Chicago in 1910. ❖ Founder Paul Harris was elected as first President of this new Association. ❖ Chesley R Perry, who elected as first Secretary US\$100/- per month and Secretariat was  presided over the sessions, was of the Association at a salary of US\$25 office allowance. The established on 18 th August. ❖ At this convention, the National Association of Rotary Clubs is created from the 16 clubs of the United States. Rtn. Chesley Perry was mainly responsible for this formation. ❖ The figures of clubs and membership of Rotary represents clubs and members for the beginning of the year i.e. on 1 st July of 1910, there were 16 clubs & 1500 members. ❖ Five (05) Objects of Rotary formulated at this convention.	16	1500

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		❖ Constitution & Bye-laws of the association were adopted at the convention. ❖ In the Convention a Chicago business man & Rotarian Arthur F. Sheldon gave an idea for business principals & suggested “he profits most who serves his fellow best”. ❖ Rotary becomes INTERNATIONAL, with organization of first club outside USA in Winnipeg, Manitoba, CANADA. ❖ (1911 January) first Newspaper issue of “The National Rotarian” was published. It has 12 pages and its editor was – Chesley Perry. It contained an article “Rational Rotarianism” by Paul Harris. 4000 copies were printed in a press owned by Rtn Harry Ruggles. Circulation price was 25 cents year. 		
1911-12	Paul P. Harris 	❖ RI Convention : Portland , Oregon USA (149) – 21-23 August 1911 ❖ Second Issue of Magazine “The National Rotarian” published in July 1911 ❖ Paul P Harris elected as President of the Association, for a second term. ❖ Rotary crossed Atlantic with forming of clubs in London (England), Dublin (Ireland) in March 1911 and Belfast (Northern Ireland). Although these clubs were not admitted to Rotary until 1912-13. ❖ “Service above Self” and “He profits Most Who Serves Best”  formulated as Rotary Mottoes. ❖ In 1911, the second Rotary convention, in Portland, Oregon, USA, approved He Profits Most Who Serves Best as the Rotary motto. The wording was adapted from a speech that Rotarian Arthur Frederick Sheldon delivered to the first convention, held in Chicago the previous year. Sheldon declared that “only the science of right conduct toward others pays. Business is the science of human services. He profits most who serves his fellows best.” The Portland gathering also inspired the motto Service Above Self, suggested by Ben Collins, president of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, ❖ Constitution of the Association was revived. ❖ Rotary world aligned into 8 divisions- 5 in USA, 2 in Canada & 1 in Great Britain, for administrative convenience with vice presidents at the helm.	28	2500

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