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ROTARY CLUB
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A HALF CENTURY OF SERVICE



A History of
Rotary in
Toledo, Ohio

ROTARY CLUB OF TOLEDO



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The above officers and directors also serve as officers and trustees of The Toledo Rotary Club Good Fellowship Foundation.

R. I. OFFICERS

The following members of our club have served Rotary International as officers:



FRANK L. MULHOLLAND
President, 1914-1915



EDWARD R. KELSEY
Vice-President, 1918-1919



CHARLES HARTMAN
Governor, 10th District



PAUL W. KIESER
Governor, 30th District



ROLAND L. WHITE
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HARRY N. HANSEN
Governor, 157th District



IRVING C. REYNOLDS
Governor, 223rd District

ASSISTANT SECRETARIES



BESSIE WILCOX
1917-1945



JUANITA HOKE
1945-date

OUR CLUB SECRETARIES: HERBERT H. STALKER, 1912-1914; EDWARD R. KELSEY, 1914-1929; RAY S. LOFTUS, 1929-date.

The Origin and History of Rotary



PAUL P. HARRIS
Founder of Rotary



CHARTER MEMBERS

E. FRANK GLEASON AND CHARLES S. TURNER
HERBERT H. STALKER, IRVING B. HIETT
AND GEORGE E. HARDY



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
Evanston, Illinois, U.S.A.

The first Rotary Club was formed in Chicago on February 23, 1905. Paul Harris, a lawyer, was the founder of Rotary. As he had lived in Chicago only a short time, his acquaintance in the city was limited. Like many other men, he felt the loneliness of the large city. He wanted to enlarge the circle of his acquaintance—to know about men engaged in other professions and in various lines of business—he had a desire to increase and improve his knowledge of men by closer contact with them.

One evening Paul was having dinner with an intimate friend; a man engaged in the coal business. After dinner they called on a mutual acquaintance—a mining engineer—where they met a fourth man—a merchant tailor—with whom they were acquainted.

Paul told his friends of his desire to become better acquainted with other professional and business men in Chicago. He pointed out the advantages, from a social standpoint, of frequent contacts with men in other vocations.

After a good deal of discussion, it was determined to organize a club; and so they arranged to meet two weeks later in Paul Harris' office, each to invite a friend in another line of business.

At this meeting at Paul's office, there was further discussion about the formation of a club such as Paul had suggested. They all liked the idea. Among other things that they agreed upon was that no one should be taken in as a member of the club unless he was the proprietor of his business, or a partner in it, or a corporate officer. In other words, each member should be a man in authority in his concern.

It was also decided that the weekly meetings be held at the places of business of the various members, in rotation, so that each might obtain a better knowledge of the business of the others. Meeting thus in rotation, suggested the name "Rotary." At the next meeting, which was held at the office of Sylvester Schiele, the coal man, directors and officers were chosen, and the organization of the club was completed.

The members of the club continued to hold a meeting each week thereafter; and it was thus that Rotary came into being. About three years later one of the Chicago Rotarians told the story of Rotary to some of his friends in San Francisco; and thereupon the second Rotary Club was organized in that city, in November, 1908. By 1910 sixteen clubs had been formed. Delegates from these clubs met in the first Rotary Convention, in Chicago, in August of that year. They formed a national organization, adopted a constitution, and elected general officers.



CHARLES S. TURNER
First President of Our Club

These Rotary Clubs were not organized as the result of any studious effort to extend the organization, but were, as someone has said, the result of seed more or less accidentally sown by men who were enthused by the Rotary idea.

Rotary has never had any paid organizers. The first Rotary Club outside of the United States was organized in Winnipeg, Canada, in November 1910; the first club in Europe,

in Dublin, Ireland, in March, 1911.

In order that charters could be issued to clubs outside the United States, the name "International Association of Rotary Clubs," was adopted at the convention in Duluth, Minnesota, in 1912. Incidentally, this was the first convention at which the Rotary Club of Toledo was represented by delegates.

The name "Rotary International" was adopted at the Los Angeles Convention in June, 1922.

Today, there are 11,200 Rotary Clubs, with 518,500 members, located in 127 different countries—more than half of these clubs being located outside the U.S.A.

Joseph A. Abey of Reading, Pa. is the present President of Rotary International and the General Secretary is George R. Means, with headquarters at Evanston, Ill. The Governor of the 660th District which covers northwestern Ohio, is Donald W. Beveridge of Sylvania.

In the summer of 1911, A. H. Greeley, an enthusiastic Rotarian, of Cleveland, urged me to organize a Rotary Club in Toledo and shortly afterwards Chesley Perry sent me, by request, all necessary information.

Early History of the Rotary Club of Toledo
by
Charles S. Turner

In December, 1911, Frank Gleason also wrote Chesley Perry, but it was not until the following spring that any action was taken. In April, 1912, a stranger came into my office and after a few minutes conversation, I reached for the telephone and thus began the active steps looking toward Rotary in Toledo. The men I called on the phone were Irving B. Hiatt, George Hardy and Frank Gleason. The man in my office was Herb Stalker, who had been told about Rotary by Bert Bower, Secretary of the Detroit Rotary Club and had received details from Chesley Perry, by whom he was advised to see me.

Two days later we five met at the Chamber of Com-

merce Club and each one agreed to bring a friend to a meeting to be held one week later.

On May 3rd we held our first regular meeting at which we elected officers. At this meeting Ed Knight, President of Detroit Rotary and Bert Bower met with us and assisted in organizing.

Our first meetings were held at the Commerce Club on the 16th floor of the Nicholas Building, but we soon outgrew the accommodations they had to offer and moved to the Boody House.

The Commerce Club enlarged their small dining room and we moved back there in August, 1912. Early in 1913 we moved to the Secor Hotel. In 1918 to LaSalle & Koch's Dining Rooms and in June, 1925, to the new Chamber of Commerce Dining Room in the Richardson Building.

Our early meetings were devoted to getting acquainted and acquaintance stunts were frequent. One which I have good reason to remember, was when all the hats were dumped into a pile and some of the members had an afternoon's job on their hands.

Later we had shop talks by our own members and quite frequently the President appointed different members to preside at meetings.

Our first large delegation to an International Convention was in 1914 when we went to Houston, Texas, in a special train and had with us a seventy piece band furnished by the Willys-Overland Company. Seats had been removed from one of the cars to permit dancing and Fred Diebel furnished a liberal supply of Allen's Red Tame Cherry.

At the convention we elected Frank Mulholland, President of Rotary International and in so doing put Toledo on the Rotary map.

The same year we had a barn dance in the Toledo Transfer Company haymow on Ontario Street and later on outings at Put-in-Bay and Toledo Beach, as well as frequent meetings at the Toledo Yacht Club and Inverness.

The story of the beginning of Rotary is of passing interest only.

By whom and when Rotary was started is not important. Even what it has accomplished is not so important, as what it shall accomplish from now on.

Each passing year adds to my appreciation of my membership in Rotary and as I have been in my present business only fifty-seven years, I hope to hold my classification for at least twenty years more.

On behalf of the original five, let me say that we are happy today in the knowledge that we were able to have a small part in the beginning of so great an institute as Toledo Rotary.

Early History of the Rotary Club of Toledo

CHARTER MEMBERS

When our club was organized in May, 1912, the following were the charter members:

Charles S. Turner, President
George E. Hardy, Vice President
Irving B. Hiatt, Vice President
Herbert H. Stalker, Secretary
William C. Carr, Treasurer
E. Frank Gleason, Statistician
John W. Bantling
William M. Booker
Lewis H. Clement
Grier B. Corry
Albert M. Donovan
C. C. Hade

*Only one still living.

Edwin J. Huber
Dr. Albert W. Jamieson
Aaron L. Kelsey
Charles L. Lewis
John H. Lloyd
Lucius G. Medbury
Joseph M. Murphy
Frank L. Mulholland
Earl W. Newcomer
Deane W. Parker
*Arthur J. Salm
L. E. Fishack

ROTARY CLUB NO. 44

The Rotary Club of Toledo was the 44th Rotary Club to be chartered by the National Association of Rotary Clubs of America.

Rotary International no longer numbers the charters given to Rotary Clubs. However, for many years we were known as Rotary Club No. 44.

Rotary Club of Toledo
meeting Nov. 22, 1912.



From Business to Service

In the original Rotary Clubs each member kept a record of business done for and with Rotarians and made a weekly report of this at the Rotary meetings.

However, at the Buffalo Rotary convention in 1913 this was changed and was replaced by the eternal foundation of spirit, "He Profits Most Who Services Best."

Service above self is also one of Rotary's mottoes.

Several years ago Past President Herbert J. Taylor of Chicago turned over to Rotary International, the Four Way

Test that he had successfully used in his business:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Many of our members have served as Presidents of their various Trade Associations and Rotarians have been active in seeing that their trade associations adopt codes of ethics.

The Toledo Rotary Club Good Fellowship Foundation

When the club was first organized, it assisted the Orphans Home, the Boy Scouts, the Juvenile Court and eventually began doing work for Crippled Children.

Every member of the club was asked to make a contribution to this fund each year. In the early years, a little less than 100% participation occurred, but for the past few years we have always had 100% participation by our members.

Nobody except the Secretary and Assistant Secretary

knows how much each member contributes to this fund.

During the years 1912 through June 30, 1962, \$459,914.76 has been expended by the Fund for Crippled Children, Boys' Work, Youth, Vocational Service, International Service and Community Service activities.

In addition to the hundreds of individuals who have been assisted, the following organizations have received Good Fellowship Foundation Funds:

Bank Lands Park
Blue Star Mothers
Board of Education
Boys' Club of Toledo
Boy Scout Council
Camp Easter Seal
Catholic Club of Toledo
Child Study Institute
Childrens Hospital
Florence Crittenton Home
DeVilbiss High School
East Toledo Neighborhood House
Charles Feibach School
Frederick Douglas Community Ass'n
Friendly Center
Girl Scout Council

Indoor Sports Club
Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Jewish Community Center
Junior Achievement, Inc.
Juvenile Adjustment Agency
Juvenile Court
Lincoln School for the Deaf
Lott School for Handicapped Children
Luella Cummings School
Lutheran Orphans Home
Marybrook Academy
Maumee Valley Hospital
National Probation Association
National Society for Crippled Children
North Toledo Community Center

Ohio Regional Planning Conference
Opportunity Home
Ohio Society for Crippled Children
Peter Navarre Memorial Ass'n
Rehabilitation School
Rotary International Foundation
St. Anthony's Villa
St. Vincent's Hospital
Salvation Army
Seoul, Korea, Presbyterian Hospital
Sunshine Home
Swing Inn
Toledo Amateur Baseball Commission
Toledo Council of Churches-Big Brothers
Toledo Council of Social Agencies
Toledo Council of World Affairs

Toledo Day Nursery
Toledo District Nurse Ass'n
Toledo National Employ the Physically Handicapped
Toledo Secretarial School for Crippled Young Men and Women
Toledo Society for Crippled Children
Toledo Society for Curative Work Shop
Toledo Hearing League
University of Toledo
Women's & Children's Hospital
Y.M.C.A.
Y.W.C.A.
Youth Canteen

Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations;
- and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business, and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.

Work With Crippled Children

In 1915, the Rotary Club of Toledo appointed a committee known as "The Good Turn Fellowship Committee," with the task of ascertaining what community service the club could do which was not already well handled.

This committee got in touch with the Toledo District Nurse Ass'n and discovered that no one was providing braces, operations and hospitalization for crippled children. The club decided to tackle this problem. Each member was asked to contribute some amount each year to the Good Fellowship Fund to provide the necessary money. The first case handled by this committee was that of a badly crippled boy living in lowertown. His operation and the results were so startling that the club became most enthusiastic about this work.

One of the first problems was that of the education of crippled children and their transportation to school buildings. We started out by hiring some boys to take the children to school in a cart. However, the children did not do well in school. They needed special instruction and attention.

In the autumn of 1917, in cooperation with the Board of Education, a school was started for Crippled Children, the Rotary Club providing the transportation and part of the cost of the teachers. After about six months, a second bus was provided and after a year's operation four buses were in operation.

During the first year the club spent about \$10,000 for crippled children's work, not only for transportation, but in providing braces, expenses of operations, parties, picnics and other expenses in connection with the children's welfare.

Later the transportation was taken over by the Board of Education. The committee appealed to the State legislature, getting a bill passed providing for an appropriation of \$150.00 per year for each crippled child. Later this was raised to \$300.00.

In 1931 the new Charles Feilbach School was opened, with the State and the Board of Education providing all of the expenses in connection with its operation. Now the club provides around \$1,500 a year to cover the cost of Christmas party and presents, picnics and non-recurring needs. The club continues to interest itself in work with Crippled Children, expending from \$1,000 to \$2,500 each year, through the District Nurse Ass'n, providing braces, special shoes, wheelchairs, etc., that cannot be paid from tax funds. The School for the Deaf also received the attention of the committee, several hearing-aid machines being provided.



BEFORE



AFTER

THE FIRST CRIPPLED CHILD HELPED BY OUR CLUB

In 1931 the Toledo Society for Crippled Children, which had been organized by our club, decided that a Home where crippled children could convalesce following operations, was not only desirable, but essential. The Society had in excess of \$100,000 which it had received from donations and bequests. Our club donated an additional \$20,000.00 to help establish this home, which was located on the corner of Collingwood and W. Central Aves.

When the new Opportunity Home was built at Chollet Blvd. and W. Central Ave., our club contributed \$10,000.00 to the building fund, and contributes around \$4,000 a year towards its support.

In 1935 the Toledo Secretarial School for Crippled Young Men and Women was organized by our club, through the cooperation of the State Rehabilitation Department and the Public Schools. The club contributes from \$500 to \$1,000 a year to this school to provide equipment and materials not available from tax funds.

To date more than 700 crippled young men and women have graduated from this school, quite a number of them now being employed in offices of Rotarians.

The club's interest in work for Crippled Children still continues, more than \$10,000.00 a year being expended for this work at the present time.