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The BEGINNING in 1905

Rotary got its start as a result of a series of weekly luncheon meetings involving four professional friends in Chicago, Illinois. These professionals were Paul Harris (lawyer), Sylvester Schiele (coal dealer), Gus Loehr (mining engineer), and Hiram Shorey (tailor). The first meeting was in Loehr's office in the Unity Building, 127 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. After the first meeting, the men met in rotation at each other's office, hence the name Rotary.

Led by Paul Harris, the four men came to the conclusion that successful business and professional people owed more to their community than the successful operation of their business or profession. From this conviction came the ROTARY MOTTO---"Service Above Self." The main objective of Rotary is service - in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. Rotarians build goodwill and peace, provide humanitarian service, and encourage high ethical standards in all vocations.

Rotary began its official existence on February 23, 1905. Three years later a second club was organized in San Francisco, California. In 1909, three more clubs were organized on the West Coast. In 1919, the first Rotary Convention was held. In 1911, the Rotary became international with the organization of a club in Winnipeg, Canada. By 1915 there were 180 Rotary Clubs. According to an October, 1996 Rotary census there are 24,936 Rotary clubs with a membership of 1,093,838 in 484 districts and 168 countries and Geographical regions.

OUR CLUB HISTORY

The Terre Haute Downtown Club was founded October 1, 1913 as club number 84 in District 6580.

The Downtown Club is the **second oldest** Rotary Club in Indiana. The Indianapolis Club is the oldest club in Indiana ---it is number 83.

The Downtown Club sponsors the Interact Club at Terre Haute North High School. Interact is a worldwide, Rotary-sponsored organization for young people dedicated to service and international understanding. Interact club membership is open to students at the secondary school, or pre-university level, or age 14-18.

Annual Community Service Events

Each year during the Christmas season, members of the Downtown Club ring the bell for the Terre Haute Salvation Army.

Each November members of our club collect donated bags for the Goodwill Industries at the Annual Goodwill Drive.

The Downtown Rotary Club does not conduct special fund raising drives. Membership dues support all activities/programs.

A President and a Board of Directors govern the local club. Board meetings are open to all members and are held the first Monday of each month. In the event the first Monday is a holiday, our board meeting is moved to the second Monday.

Members are welcome and encouraged to serve on the many committees of the local club.

The Rotary fiscal year starts July 1 – June 30.

ATTENDANCE FOR ALL MEMBERS IS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE. A MEMBER MUST MAINTAIN A 60 PERCENT ATTENDANCE RECORD (EVALUATED EVERY SIX MONTHS) AND NOT MISS FOUR MEETINGS IN A ROW.

The Club's by-laws require termination of members who miss four consecutive meetings. Our club requires that members attend at least 60% of the meetings. All meetings are at noon Tuesday at the Holiday Inn, unless another location is designated and noticed in the club's weekly bulletin. Club attendance also contemplates attendance for the entire meeting. Rotary attendance will be taken in the buffet line by Rotary Club members. The club's attendance records are computerized; if you have questions about your attendance, contact the club Attendance Secretary. In fairness to all club members, and in adherence with the spirit of Rotary, persons not arriving at the meeting by 12:20 p.m. may not be checked off the Rotary attendance form.

Missed meetings may be made up at other clubs. A Rotary makeup should be submitted to the Attendance Secretary. Missed meetings may be made up by participating in Club sponsored activities. These activities (as of Dec. 1998) include, but are not limited to, the following: a) ring the bell for the Terre Haute Salvation Army, b) participate with the Goodwill Industry activity, c) attend a board meeting, and d) participate on a committee and attend the committee meetings.

Question: When a Rotarian visits another Rotary club where he/she is not known personally, how does one introduce oneself? By presenting the Rotary membership card.

A leave of absence may be granted upon written notification to the Club Secretary prior to leave request.

Makeup locations:

Monday:

Princeton – 12 noon, Gibson General Hospital

Tuesday:

Marshall – 6:45 am, Marshall Family Restaurant

Casey – 12 noon, Richards Farm

Indianapolis Downtown – 12:00 noon, Indianapolis Athletic Club

Sullivan – 12:00 noon, Sullivan Elks Club

Wednesday:

Brazil – 12:00 noon, Blue Bonnet Restaurant, Brazil

Rockville - 7:15 am, Terre Vin Winery

Linton- 12:00 noon, Elks Club

Plainfield – 12:00 noon, Kristy's Club

Greencastle – 12:00 Walden Inn

Thursday:

Terre Haute – 7:00 am, Holiday Inn

The Official Directory (No.117-EN) is issued once a year maintained by club secretary and it lists all the Rotary clubs in the world and the place, day, and time of the weekly meeting. The Rotary WEB site also lists the dates and times of meetings. www.rotary.com

OFFICERS:

2006-07 President – Tom Dever
President-elect - Paul Stanley
Vice-President – Kim Ingalsbe
Secretary – Stephanie Welsh
Treasurer - Linda Stanley
Attendance – Kim Ingalsbe
Sergeant-at-Arms – Mike Collins
Past President – Steve Songer

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<http://www.wvgoodwill.org/rotaryod.htm>

The Board of Directors meeting is scheduled the first Monday of each month at noon at Goodwill Industries in the Board Room.

Past Presidents: The following is a list of club members who have served as president of the Rotary Club of Terre Haute: M. Dale Baughman (71-72), Robert Bishop (88-89), Daniel L. DeBard (92-93), Harry C. Dees (72-73), Mike Dinkle (93-94), Vern W. Fellows (73-74), Greg Gibson (94-95), Shelton M. Hannig (84-85), Rodney R. Heefner (86-87), Guy J. Kornblum (43-44), Frank Lightfoot (68-69), William P. Maxam (80-81), Craig M. McKee (91-92), Dale F. McKee (83-84), Robert E. McLaughlin (85-86), Thomas Newlin (90-91), Patrick O'Leary (70-71), John W. Perry (87-88), Dave Piker 1996-1997, Wayne E. Schomer (63-64), Harry Shetter (95-96), John R. Showalter, Jr. (57-58), Charles B. Shutt (81-82), Richard Watson (89-90), E. Lee Webb (75-76), Don Scott (99-00), Bill Aubin (00-01), Beth Tevlin (01-02), Gary Schomer (02-03), Mike Hopper (03-04), Lisa Pepperworth (04-05), Steve Songer (05-06), Tom Dever (06-07)

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Rotary is attained by nomination of a sponsor and approval by the club. Membership is not transferable from one club to another. Members who resign and wish to join another club must again be sponsored and accepted. In order to comply with the obligations of membership in a Rotary Club, no Rotarian should be a member of another service club.

Membership in Rotary is based upon a classification system. Rotary's founders instituted this system to ensure a diverse club membership. Rotary was created as a vehicle for persons from varying business and professional backgrounds to participate in the same service club. A committee assigns classifications at the time a person joins Rotary. If another person has a particular Rotary classification, another person may not join the club under that classification without the consent of the original classified Member. The second member under that classification is known as an additional active. Of course, there are often several sub-classifications under a particular business or professional heading.

Rotary Status:

Rotarians fall into four categories of membership:

1. Active, including additional active
2. Past Service
3. Senior Active
4. Honorary

Past Service--- a former member of a club, whose membership was terminated because of retirement from business or professional life, may be elected a past service member in the club in which active membership was held or in any other club. A past service member must have held active membership in any one or

more Rotary clubs for three or more years, or have attained the age of 55 years irrespective of the length of membership.

Members are eligible for senior active through one of the following ways: 1) have been member of one or more clubs for fifteen (15) or more years; or 2) be aged sixty (60) or more after having been a member of one or more clubs for ten (10) or more years; or 3) be aged sixty-five (65) with five or more years of active membership in one or more clubs; or 4) be a present or a past officer of Rotary International.

Members are eligible for attendance exempt at age 65 and having been a member for at least 20 years or at age 70 having been a member for at least 15 years.

Honorary membership -- a person who has distinguished him/her self by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals may be elected to honorary membership. Honorary membership terminates automatically each year on the thirtieth day of June next after the date of election, but club directors may, by resolution, continue the honorary membership from year to year.

NEW MEMBERS

It is recommended that no new member propose a new member until they are well acquainted with Rotary. You should bring a prospective member to a meeting as your guest and sit at the HEAD TABLE with the guest for at least two meetings. The only luncheon paid by the club is on the date of induction. Once a membership application and biographical material is secured, it must be returned for approval by the Board of Directors. The application then goes to the classification chairperson. If the candidate is still interested, a member of the Club visits the prospect and reviews the history, goals, objectives, and requirements for being in Rotary. If the candidate is still positive, the candidate's name is published in the Bulletin. After the candidate's name is published there is a ten-day waiting period to determine whether there are any challenges. If none, the Club Secretary issues a letter of invitation to the applicant. When the candidate's \$35 induction fee is received, an induction date is established. Dues are prorated for new members based on induction date. \$50 of the dues is included in the Terre Haute Rotary Foundation. The remainder of the dues collected is tendered for district and international dues as well as to finance the operation of the local club.

Dues breakdown:

\$40	Rotary International Dues
\$25	District Dues
\$12	Rotary Magazine
\$ 1	Insurance
\$50	Local Foundation
<u>\$47</u>	Administrative
\$175.00	

New members wear a red badge. The red badge will turn blue after a new member participates in five (5) club-sponsored activities. These activities (as of Dec. 1998) include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Pass out badges at our regular Tuesday meeting for 4 meetings.
- Maintain perfect attendance for one (1) quarter.
- Become a committee member within your first year in Rotary.
- Attend a Board meeting.
- Become a greeter at the sign-in-desk.
- Attend our annual Holiday party.
- Become a blood donor (for a Rotary blood team).
- Ring the bell for one hour during our annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing drives.
- Participate in our annual Goodwill Drive.
- Get involved with the GSE Team.
- Join our Paul Harris 10 for 1 team and actively donate.
- Participate in our annual Rotary/Kiwanis event.
- Propose a new member within your first year.
- Participate in any Rotary sponsored community service event not listed above.
 - You must participate in any 5 events before your red badge will turn to blue. As you participate in the above, please complete a Five Star Activity form. Submit the form to

the Sergeant at Arms or the Club Secretary. Forms are available at each club meeting. Contact the Sergeant of Arms if you have questions.

The Terre Haute Downtown Club is interested in quality not quantity of members. We want members who are in leadership roles in our community and who will serve Rotary well.

Women became eligible for membership in Rotary in 1987.

Question: Can Rotarians hold membership in other service clubs? Rotarians should not divide their interest and energies by accepting membership in other service clubs.

THE 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/her occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
3. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his/her personal, business, and Community life.
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional people united in the ideal of service.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

The Rotary Foundation is a non-profit corporation providing worldwide humanitarian grants to needy peoples and worthy projects, and educational awards for international exchanges of university scholars and teachers and business and professional people.

An individual who contributes, or in whose behalf is contributed, \$1,000 or equivalent or more is recognized as a "Paul Harris Fellow".

Activities of the Rotary Foundation are:

- a. Scholarships (Graduate, Undergraduate and Vocational)
- b. University Teacher Grants
- c. Group Study Exchange
- d. Special Grants
- e. Health, Hunger, and Humanity Grants
- f. PolioPlus Program
- g. Disaster Relief

ROTARY AT A GLANCE

31,208 Rotary Clubs; 520 Districts
1,218,500 Rotarians
178 Rotary countries and regions
7,553 Interact Clubs
374,710 Paul Harris Fellows

THE ROTARY DOWNTOWN CLUB:

We have between 180 to 210 members

We average between 89-100 members at a weekly meeting

We participate in the following annual projects:

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Goodwill Drive

Rotary Blood Drive

Interact North High School

We contribute an average of \$14,600 each year through special grants

We have 4 past district governors from our club (Wayne Schomer, Jim Rentschler, Frank Lightfoot, and Dale Mckee).

The age breakdown of our club is:

Under 30	1
30-39	15
40-49	40
50-59	53
60-69	45
70+	32

Rotary does not have an official song, however, there are a number of songs in Rotary's International songbook, which are popular among clubs where group singing is a common practice.

THE ROTARIAN is the official magazine.