

Rotary Club of Chicago



The World's First Service Club

Founded February 23, 1905, Chicago, IL USA

115 Years and counting

Another year, another chance to change history

We apply our leadership and expertise to solve social issues

End Polio Now

Founders of Rotary



Paul P. Harris, Founding Member. The first four Rotarians (from left): Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul P. Harris, circa 1905-12.

The Four Way Test

In 1932, Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor created The Four-Way Test. He was president of the club in 1939. The test, which has been translated into more than 100 languages, asks the following questions:



Of the things we think, say or do

- Is it the **TRUTH**?
- Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

ROTARY/One Presidents

1905 to Present

1. **Silvester Schiele***
Founding Member Feb. 1905 - Jan. 1906
2. **Albert L. White*** Feb. 1906 - Jan. 1907
3. **Paul P. Harris***
Founding Member Feb. 1907 - Oct. 1908
4. **Harry L. Ruggles***
Developed Rotary Wheel & Taught Rotary to Sing Nov. 1908 - Jan. 1910
5. **M. Ramsay*** Feb. 1910 - Jan. 1911
6. **W. S. Miller*** Feb. 1911 - June 1912
7. **H. A. Crofts*** July 1912 - June 1913
8. **Geo. Landis Wilson*** July 1913 - June 1914
9. **Herbert C. Angster*** July 1914 - June 1915
10. **James O. Craig*** July 1915 - May 1916
11. **Harry A. Wilkie*** June 1916 - May 1917
12. **Charles J. Becker*** June 1917 - May 1918
13. **Rufus F. Chapin*** June 1918 - May 1919
14. **William F. Kier*** June 1919 - May 1920
15. **Harold B. Harvey*** May 1920 - June 1921
16. **Ermine J. Phillips*** June 1921 - June 1922
17. **Chas. A. Newton*** July 1923 - June 1924
18. **Alex C. Johnson*** July 1924 - June 1925
19. **Chas. E. Herrick*** July 1925 - June 1926
20. **N. C. Mather*** July 1, 1926 - Dec. 10, 1926
21. **J. N. Vander Vries*** Dec. 10, 1926 - June 1928
22. **H. C. Cheney*** July 1928 - June 1929

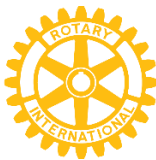
23.	Floyd L. Bateman*	July 1929 - June 1930
24.	Rowland Haynes*	July 1931 - June 1931
25.	Guy M. Cushing, M.D. *	July 1931 - June 1932
26.	Geo. C. Hager*	July 1932 - June 1933
	<i>1938-39 Rotary International President</i>	
27.	John B. Reynolds*	July 1933 - June 1934
28.	John L. Griffith*	July 1934 - June 1935
29.	Richard E. Vernor*	July 1935 - June 1936
30.	Chas. A. Dostal*	July 1936 - June 1937
31.	Lee E. Ragsdale*	July 1937 - June 1938
32.	Wm. Ayer McKinney*	July 1938 - June 1939
33.	Herbert J. Taylor*	July 1939 - June 1940
	<i>Developed the Four Way Test</i>	
	<i>1954-55 Rotary International President</i>	
34.	Howard K. Jackson*	July 1940 - June 1941
35.	Victor C. P. Dreiske*	July 1941 - June 1942
36.	Edwin B. Moran*	July 1942 - June 1943
37.	Stanley R. Clague*	June 1943 - June 1944
38.	Chesley R. Perry*	July 1944 - June 1945
	<i>First International General Secretary</i>	
39.	Max H. Hurd*	July 1945 - June 1946
40.	Alex G. Shennan*	July 1946 - June 1947
41.	Lester W. Elias*	July 1947 - June 1948
42.	Alfred J. Barboro*	July 1948 - June 1949
43.	Wayne Walker*	July 1949 - June 1950
44.	Charles G. Stiles*	July 1950 - June 1951
45.	Thos. G. Sexton*	July 1951 - June 1952
46.	Henry D. Hughes*	July 1952 - June 1953

47.	Bryant W. Ruark*	July 1953 - June 1954
48.	Ollie E. Jones*	July 1954 - June 1955
49.	Jas. E. Almond*	July 1955 - June 1956
50.	Kenneth Ruggles*	July 1956 - June 1957
51.	Mitchel P. Davis*	July 1957 - June 1958
52.	Herbert G. Blakeslee*	July 1958 - June 1959
53.	George F. Sisler*	July 1959 - June 1960
54.	J. Edwin Griswold*	July 1960 - June 1961
55.	Harold J. Prebensen*	July 1961 - June 1962
56.	G. Frederick Liechty*	July 1962 - June 1963
57.	Alf I. Rivenes*	July 1963 - June 1964
58.	Edward F. Slattery*	July 1964 - June 1965
59.	H. Stanley Wanzer*	July 1965 - June 1966
60.	Don F. Geyer*	July 1966 - June 1967
61.	Dr. Russell F. Dudman*	July 1967 - June 1968
62.	Kenneth L. Wilson*	July 1968 - June 1969
63.	John B. Hayford*	July 1969 - June 1970
64.	Leslie N. Christensen	July 1970 - June 1971
65.	Edward W. Boehm, Jr. *	July 1971 - June 1972
66.	William L. Ryan*	July 1972 - June 1973
67.	Milton F. Darr, Jr.*	July 1973 - June 1974
68.	Burton Shaffer*	July 1974 - June 1975
69.	Wallace D. Johnson*	July 1975 - June 1976
70.	Robert Stuart*	July 1976 - June 1977
	<i>Served as District Governor</i>	
71.	Robert W. Higgins*	July 1977 - June 1978

72.	Harold M. Finley*	July 1978 - June 1979
73.	Wm. G. Stratton*	July 1979 - June 1980
74.	Frank C. Sain	July 1980 - April 7, 1981
75.	Arthur J. Hutton*	May 1981 - June 1981
76.	Alfred J. Lilienfeld*	July 1981 - June 1982
77.	Byron M. Getzoff*	July 1982 - June 1983
78.	Gary Mann	July 1983 - June 1984
79.	Earl J. Grimm*	July 1984 - June 1985
80.	Norman F. Kloker*	July 1985 - June 1986
81.	Charles V. Mather*	July 1986 - June 1987
82.	Nicholas S. Ambrosi*	July 1987 - June 1988
83.	Ronald L. Johnson	July 1988 - June 1989
84.	John R Meinert	July 1989 - June 1990
85.	Michael W. Sleepeck	July 1990 - June 1991
86.	William J. Horine	July 1991 - June 1992
87.	Richard Galitz <i>Served as District Governor</i>	July 1992 - June 1993
88.	Rhett Butler*	July 1993 - June 1994
89.	James Barker* <i>Served as District Governor</i>	July 1994 - June 1995
90.	Jack O. Hedrich*	July 1995 - June 1996
91.	Patrick L. O'Malley*	July 1996 - June 1997
92.	Lollie McKeon* <i>Served as District Governor</i>	July 1997 - June 1998
93.	Harold Higgins* <i>Served as Club Executive before retiring</i>	July 1, 1998 - July 6, 1998
94.	Millicent Mills*	July 6, 1998 - June 1999
95.	Susan Raterman	July 1999 - June 2000
96.	Wes Westerfield	July 2000-June 2001

97.	John Alberts	July 2001-June 2002
98.	Don A. Olson	July 2002-June 2003
99.	Richard McKay*	July 2003-June 2004
100.	Robert C. Knuepfer, Jr. <i>Served as District Governor & RI Director</i>	July 2004-June 2005
101.	Evy J. Alsaker	July 2005 – June 2006
102.	Donald W. Garner	July 2006 – June 2007
103.	David Templin <i>Served as District Governor</i>	July 2007 – June 2008
104.	Arol Augsburg	July 2008 – June 2009
105.	Angelo Loumbas	July 2009 – June 2010
106.	David Durham*	July 2010 – September 2010
107.	Andrea Luehmann	September 2010 - June 2011
108.	Barry Axler	July 2011- June 2012
109.	Lisa Russ	July 2012 - June 2013
110.	Michael Faris	July 2013 - June 2014
111.	Pedro J. Cevallos-Candau <i>Served as District Governor</i>	July 2014-June 2015
112.	Cheryl McIntyre	July 2015 - June 2016
113.	Paul McConville	July 2016 – June 2017
114.	Conor Gee	July 2017 – June 2018
115.	Khaled Akkawi	July 2018 – June 2019
116.	Marshall Schmitt	July 2019 – June 2020
117.	Erik Cempel	July 2021 – June 2022
118.	Margarita Hewko	July 2022 – June 2023

Rotary



The Rotary Club of Chicago was founded on February 23, 1905. Leaders of the Club went on to establish Rotary International in 1910. Paul Harris, Rotary's founder, became

the first international president. Ches Perry, of ROTARY/One became the first general secretary of the newly formed international office.

The Rotary Club of Chicago, operating as ROTARY/One & the world's first service club has for 114 years remained dedicated to the Rotary Movement and its continued growth to over 200 countries.



1906



1906-07



1907-09



OF CHICAGO
1910



1911-14



1915-19



1920-34



1926 ...



1910

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION



1911



1913-23

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Marshall Schmitt, club president

David Phelps, chief administrative officer

Nancy Phelps, member services

Club Meeting Times and Locations

Tuesdays, 12:10 to 1:30 PM

Union League Club

65 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604

Dress Code: Business or Business Casual

Please make a reservation by 3:00 PM

each Monday, \$40.00 per person

Third Thursday Evenings - Rotary After Hours

at various venues in the City

Friday Roundtable

Most Fridays, arrive between noon and

12:30 PM. Credit Card payment only at the deli.

The Carvery, 4th Floor

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Note: The first Tuesday of each month is usually a Rotary After Work at 5:30 and may be at other venues.

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<http://www.rotaryonearchives.org>