

Register of Rotary International Officers of District 6450 and its Predecessors

Chicago is "The Birthplace of Rotary"

The first Rotary Club meeting was on February 23, 1905, when Paul Harris and Silvester Schiele met with Gustavus Loehr and Hiram Shorey in Room 711 of the Unity Building (Gus Loehr's office). Three others could not make the first meeting which was on the "spur of moment," but they joined the second gathering on March 9, 1905: Harry Ruggles, William Jenson and A.L. White.

The first Convention of Rotary Clubs was held in Chicago in 1910, with 14 of the 16 existing Rotary Clubs represented. At the Convention, the Rotary Clubs voted to organize the National Association of Rotary Clubs, with Paul Harris as first President of the Association. At the 1912 Convention, the Association became "International" to reflect the joining of Canadian Rotary clubs. Paul Harris served as the first President of the International Association of Rotary Clubs. In 1922, the name was changed to Rotary International.

Paul P. Harris, Founder of the Rotary Club of Chicago, PRID 1910-1912
Silvester Schiele, Third Treasurer of Rotary International
Chesley R. Perry, First General Secretary of Rotary International
George C. Hager, PRID 1938-39

1912 – Rotary Divisions formed – (8 in USA, 2 in Canada, 1 GB & Ireland)
Headed by "Vice-Presidents"

Former District 8 (All of Illinois and Indiana) (16 total Districts)

First "District Governor" – Herbert C. Angster (Chicago) DG 1915-16
Frank P. Manly (Indianapolis) DG 1916-17
Percival G. Rennick (Peoria) DG 1917-18

Former District 12 (All of Illinois)

J. Stanley Brown (Joliet) DG 1918-19
James O. Craig (Chicago) DG 1919-20
E.C. "Jack" Fisher (Rock Island) DG 1920-21
Charles Taylor (Harrisburg) DG 1921-22

Former District 19 (All of Illinois)

Emerit E. Baker (Kewanee) DG 1922-23

Former District 40 (Northern Illinois)

Rev. Henry E. Rompel (Joliet) DG 1923-24
John W. Castro (East Moline) DG 1924-25
Harry Kelly (Ottawa) DG 1925-26
Charles W. Ward (Evanston) DG 1926-27
Andrew H. Anderson (Streator) DG 1927-28
H.J. Rendall (Morrison) DG 1928-29
G. Bruce Machen (Savanna) DG 1929-30
Norval F. Fultz (Cicero) DG 1930-31
William V. MacGill (Chicago) DG 1931-32
Charles W. Kent (Streator) DG 1932-33
Will C. Robb (Maywood) DG 1933-34
William N. Phillips (Rock Island) DG 1934-35
William Michael (Glenwood) DG 1935-36
John A. Mayhew (Kankakee) DG 1936-37

Former District 147

Richard E. "Dick" Vernor (Chicago) DG 1937-38
David E. Walker (Evanston) DG 1938-39
Norman C. Sleezer (Freeport) DG 1939-40
Mannel Hahn (Winnetka) DG 1940-41 (left to take job with *The Rotarian* magazine)
F. Wayne Graham (Morris), DG 1940-41, PRID 1951-52
Herbert J. Taylor, DG 1941-42, PRID 1944-45, RI VP 1945-46, PRID 1954-55
Arthur W. Wood (Moline) DG 1942-43
Francis J. Budinger (Wilmette) DG 1943-44
Frank M. Stager (Sterling) DG 1944-45
John L. Brearton (Savanna) DG 1945-46
William T. Stevenson (Rock Island) DG 1946-47
Bert Gibbs (Princeton) DG 1947-48
Lloyd Hollister (Wilmette) DG 1948-49

Former District 213

Roy A. Palmer (Ottawa) DG 1949-50
Otto Schweinberger (Moline) DG 1950-51
H. Wayne Walker (Chicago) DG 1951-52

Former District 214

Casper Apeland (North Chicago) DG 1952-53
Edward Miles Knox (Highland Park) DG 1953-54
John Steele (Jerry) Sproull (Morris), DG 1954-55
I.W. Parris, Jr. (Kankakee) DG 1955-56, PRID 1973-75
George H. Rigler (Wilmette) DG 1956-57

Former District 644

Ralph E. Morgan (Joliet) DG 1957-58
Mitchell P. Davis (Chicago) DG 1958-59
Thor Holter (Elmhurst) DG 1959-60
Kenneth Reeling (Evanston) DG 1960-61
Henry Schoder (Kankakee) DG 1961-62
Dr. Charles Sandberg (Homewood) DG 1962-63
Richard Longtin (Skokie) DG 1963-64
Edgar "Ted" Gifford (LaGrange) DG 1964-65 PRID 1981-83
John W. Schaff (Arlington Heights) DG 1965-66
Bernard R. Schaefer (Maywood) DG 1966-67
Wesley L. Brown (Wilmette) DG 1967-68
Edward F. Slattery (Chicago) DG 1968-69
Abbot Duke Spaulding (Homewood) DG 1969-70
Harold E. Atchison (Skokie) DG 1970-71
Emil Goellner II (Lombard) DG 1971-72
Robert L. Barr (Libertyville) DG 1972-73

**Note: All of the above officers are deceased.
In the listings below, * denotes deceased officers.**

**District 644 was divided into two sections on July 1, 1973.
The northern section became District 644; the south section District 645.**

Former District 645

Russell F. Dudman* (Chicago) DG 1973-74
James H. Dana* (Oak Brook) DG 1974-75
Robert J. Campbell* (Downers Grove) DG 1975-76
Dr. Quentin P. Kling* (Orland Park) DG 1976-77
Edward F. Kavina* (Cicero) DG 1977-78
Edwin Kershaw* (Kankakee) DG 1978-79
Robert Stuart* (Chicago) DG 1979-80
Robert R. Harvey* (Lansing) DG 1980-81
Albert B. Chipman, III* (Chicago O'Hare) DG 1981-82
Theodore W. Arey* (Elmhurst) DG 1982-83
Albert Thiernau* (Homewood) DG 1983-84
Robert J. Leet* (Lockport) DG 1984-85
Cedric A. Pope* (Western Springs) DG 1985-86
Robert E. Leckrone* (Joliet) DG 1986-87
Sam Walker* (Park Forest) DG 1987-88
Irv Kaplan (Westmont) DG 1988-89
Norman Kloker* (Chicago) DG 1989-90
Dr. Elias Mandel* (Homewood) DG 1990-91

District 6450

Edward Fauth* (Aurora) DG 1991-92
Donald Knapp* (Franklin Park) DG 1992-93
Larry Stichweh (Moraine Valley) DG 1993-94
William F. "Bill" Temple* (Hinsdale) DG 1994-95
Richard Galitz (Chicago) DG 1995-96
Richard C. Ingalls, Sr.* (Western Springs) DG 1996-97
Art Muehlhausen* (Naperville Sunrise) DG 1997-98
James Barker* (Chicago) DG 1998-99
Brian Andersen* (Darien) DG 1999-00
Fred Otto (Chicago O'Hare) DG 2000-01
Ellen Loretta "Lollie" McKeon* (Chicago) DG 2001-02
Dr. James P. Ahstrom, Jr. (Oak Park-River Forest) DG 2002-03
Chuck Johnson (Dwight) DG 2003-04
Christopher Reilly (Darien) DG 2004-05
Rick Thiernau (Homewood) DG 2005-06
Emma Sue Smallwood (Hinsdale) DG 2006-07
Art Davis* (Naperville) DG 2007-08
Michael P. Slevnik (Homewood) DG 2008-09
James R. Czerwionka (Bradley-Bourbonnais) DG 2009-10
Robert C. Knuepfer, Jr. (Chicago) DG 2010-11 PRID 2017-19
David W. Templin (Chicago) DG 2011-12
Patricia Merryweather-Argus (Naperville) DG 2012-13 RI Director 2022-24
Rev. Cliff Lyda (Elmhurst) DG 2013-14
Nicki Scott (Naperville Sunrise) DG 2014-15 RI Director 2021-23
Osei David Andrews-Hutchinson (Chicago Southeast) DG 2015-16
Ronald J. Broida (Darien) DG 2016-17
Scott McAdam (Oak Park-River Forest) DG 2017-18
Pedro Cevallos-Candau (Chicago) DG 2018-19
debi Ross (Orland Park) DG 2019-20
Chuck Corrigan (Naperville Downtown) DG 2020-21
Jane Hopkins (Joliet) DG Elect 2021-22
Ade Onayemi (Oak Park-River Forest) DG Nominee 2022-23
Conor Gee (Chicago) DG Designate 2023-24
DG 2024-25