

San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club

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Tuesday, February 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

Zoom meeting - www.zoom.com

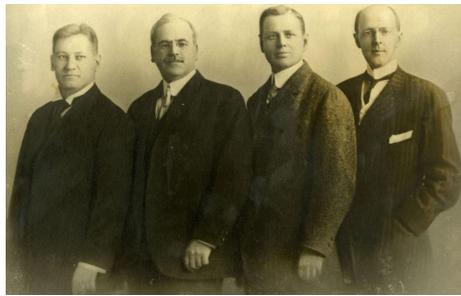
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Rotary's Four Way Test of the things we think, say or do:

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?

Our program tonight is a celebration of the 116th Anniversary of the first meeting of what would become Rotary International.



On February 23, 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr,

The first four Rotarians, from left: Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram E. Shorey, Paul P. Harris

Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Loehr's office for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting.

Harris' desire for camaraderie among business associates brought together these four men and eventually led to an international organization of service and fellowship.

Each of the first four Rotarians, and Harry L. Ruggles, who is often called the "fifth Rotarian," brought different professional perspectives to the organization. For more information on the first Rotarians, please see page two of The Nor'easter.

Celebrating the 116th Anniversary of Rotary and the first Rotarians, we will show a video tonight of a presentation made by Rotary International Past President Cliff Dochterman. He gives us his unique view of other "first Rotarians" that we hope you will find interesting, entertaining, and most of all, FUN. Dochterman was RI's President in 1992-1993. Dochterman is best known for jumpstarting the PolioPlus program that immunized over 2.5 billion children around the world and his ability to raise millions of dollars for refugees during the Yugoslav Wars.



Dochterman is credited as for helping Rotary International realize its potential as a global philanthropic and service organization. His decades-long dedication to Rotary International, Boy Scouts of America, higher education administration both here at the University of California and at the University of the Pacific demonstrate his gift for fundraising and his unwavering commitment to service.

Given everything Dochterman has done for the Rotary world, it's hard to believe that Dochterman was initially rejected from the Berkeley Rotary Club. A young University of California administrator and assistant to UC President Clark Kerr, Dochterman finally gained acceptance into the Berkeley Rotary Club after a third nomination. Shortly after joining the club, he became Berkeley's Club President and then the local District Governor and member of various international committees. Of course, his meteoric rise comes as no surprise to those that know Cliff Dochterman personally. Dochterman is also the author of "The ABCs of Rotary".



Russel Sturgeon has arranged for San Antonio Northeast Rotarians to volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House this Saturday evening, February 27th. The Mission of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Antonio is to provide a safe, affordable and caring home away from home for the families of children receiving essential medical services in area medical facilities.



Ronald McDonald House® San Antonio

Volunteers will be serving dinner to the residents. The Ronald McDonald House that we would be volunteering at is located at 4803 Sid Katz Dr. in the Medical Center area. If you would like to volunteer for this service project, please contact Russell at: Russell.Sturgeon@frostbank.com

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 2nd

Chuck Saxer, Phil Hardberger Park Conservancy

March 9th

Lisa Miele, Owl Radio Group

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Linda Lopez will be celebrating her 2nd Rotary Anniversary on February 26th. Congratulations Linda.



Lone Star P.E.T.S. 2021

Due to inclement weather, Lone Star P.E.T.S. has been rescheduled for **March 8-13, 2021**. As many events during the COVID-19 pandemic, Lone Star P.E.T.S. will be conducted virtually. Lone Star P.E.T.S. is the premier training event that prepares Rotary Club President Elects for their year of service as president of their Rotary club in Texas and Southern Oklahoma. P.E.T.S. is an acronym for "President Elect Training Seminar".

Lone Star PETS is the combined efforts of ten Rotary International Districts:

- District 5730 - Texas Panhandle & South Plains
- District 5770 - Southwest Oklahoma
- District 5790 - North Central Plains (Including Fort Worth)
- District 5810 - North Central Texas (Including Dallas)
- District 5830 - Northeast Texas, SE Oklahoma and Southwest Arkansas
- District 5840 - South Central Texas (including San Antonio)
- District 5870 - Central Texas (Including Austin)
- District 5890 - Greater Houston area
- District 5910 - East Texas
- District 5930 - South Texas (including Corpus Christi)

Rotary District 5840 will reimburse for up to five (5) members of each club to attend the virtual training. Lone Star P.E.T.S. website is <https://www.lonestarpets.org/>

Please contact club president Preston McKinney if you would be interested in attending this very worth while and informative training.

Other information about the first Rotarians



Rotary's founder, Harris, was born in Racine, Wisconsin, on April 19, 1868. He was raised by his paternal grandparents in Vermont and attended the University of Vermont, Princeton, and the University of Iowa. Harris, a lawyer, was Rotary president from 1910 to 1912 and a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago until his death on January 27, 1947.

Loehr, a mining engineer, was born on October 18, 1864 in Carlinville, Illinois. He was a Rotarian for only a few years, never holding office at the club or international level. But that first Rotary meeting was held in his office, Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. He died in Chicago on May 23, 1918.

Shorey, a merchant tailor, served as recording secretary during the club's first year. He was a Rotarian for only a few years, too. He was born in Maine, in August 1862 and died in March 1944.



Schiele, a coal dealer, served as the Chicago club's first president in 1905 and Rotary International's treasurer from July to December 1945. Born in Terre Haute, Indiana, in June 1870, Schiele attended Terre Haute Business College and served in the U.S. Army during the Spanish-American War. He was president of the Schiele Coal Company from 1902 until his retirement in 1939. He and Harris became lifelong friends and lived near each other on the South Side of Chicago. Schiele died on December 17, 1945 and is buried near Harris at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Originally from Michigan, Ruggles was a graduate of Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and joined Rotary at its second meeting. He was treasurer of the



Harry L. Ruggles

Replica of Room 711 of the Unity Building in Chicago, where the first Rotary meeting was held.

Chicago club during its first year, club president from 1908 to 1910, and a Rotary director from 1912 to 1913. He is known for having introduced singing to Rotary club meetings. His printing company, H.L. Ruggles & Co., printed the first issue of *The National Rotarian* and the first Rotary songbook. He died on October 23, 1959, an honorary member of seven clubs in addition to his home club, the Rotary Club of Chicago.

SOME ROTARY FIRSTS AND FACTS

- The first Rotary club meeting was in Chicago, Illinois, on February 23, 1905.
- The first regular luncheon meetings were in Oakland, California, chartered in 1909.
- The first Rotary convention was in Chicago in 1910.
- The first service project of the first Rotary club of Chicago was installation of public toilets in the city
- The Rotary emblem was printed on a commemorative stamp for the first time in 1931 at the time of the Vienna Convention.
- The first Rotary club banner (from the Houston Space Center) to orbit the moon was carried by astronaut Frank Borman, a member of that club.
- The first Rotary International convention held outside the United States was in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1921.
- Rotary first established the Paul Harris Fellow recognition in 1957 for contributors of US \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation
- The first Rotaract Club was formed in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA.
- The first women joined Rotary in 1987.
- In 1911 Paul Harris gave Chesley Perry a budget of \$25.44 to mimeograph and mail a new publication, *The National Rotarian*, to all 2,000 Rotarians in the 23 clubs nationwide. This was the first Rotary Magazine
- RYLA, the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, began in 1959 when Rotarians from Queensland, Australia, organized a weeklong conference for outstanding young people. In 1971 the RI Board officially adopted RYLA as a youth program.
- The first youth exchange was when the Rotary Club of Copenhagen (Denmark) arranged to host several American boys in 1921.

A QUICK ROTARY CLUB GEOGRAPHY LESSON

- District 9100 which comprises 14 West African Countries is recognized as the largest geographical District in the Rotary world. It was created in 1985 and uses three official languages - English, French, and Portuguese.
- The Rotary Club of Papeete, Tahiti, which is located in the middle of the Pacific Ocean is the club that is most remote from any other.
- The southernmost Rotary meeting is that of the Rotary Club of Base Marambio- Antartida in Antarctica. If in the area you can also visit the Rotary Club of Base Antarctica Esperanza. Both are Spanish speaking clubs that meet Wednesday evenings
- To visit the northernmost club you must travel above the Arctic Circle to the Rotary Club of Barrow (Nuvuk), Alaska.
- If you attend the El Aguilar club in Argentina, you are meeting with the highest club in the world at 16,000 feet (4,880 meters) above sea level.
- The lowest club meets at 40 feet (12.2 meters) below sea level at El Centro, California.
- There are 69 Rotary clubs with the word "Tokyo" in their club names.

It is said that there is a Rotary meeting being held someplace in the world every hour of every day. If you attended one meeting per day, it would take nearly 80 years to visit all of the more than 34,500 Rotary clubs in the world, and by that time, no doubt, there would be thousands more new clubs to attend