

Rotary

fra storia e leggenda

ROTARY

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A UNIVERSITY GROUP LOOKS AT
THE ROTARY CLUB OF CHICAGO

*At the instance of the oldest club in Rotary,
a committee of social scientists from the University of Chicago
reports herewith an inquiry into the history, achieve-
ments, and possibilities of that club*



Foreword by H.R.H. the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

Rotary International IN GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND



Roger Levy

"Very Nice Gentlemen, Really"

Marc LEVIN

**HISTOIRE
et histoires
du ROTARY**

IBF - Lyon

Quaderni del Dipartimento di Discipline Storiche
Università di Bologna

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL,
A "BROTHERHOOD
OF LEADERSHIP"**

Il caso italiano tra fascismo
e primi passi della Repubblica

Elena Rambaldi



Carocci
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Il Rotary in Italia

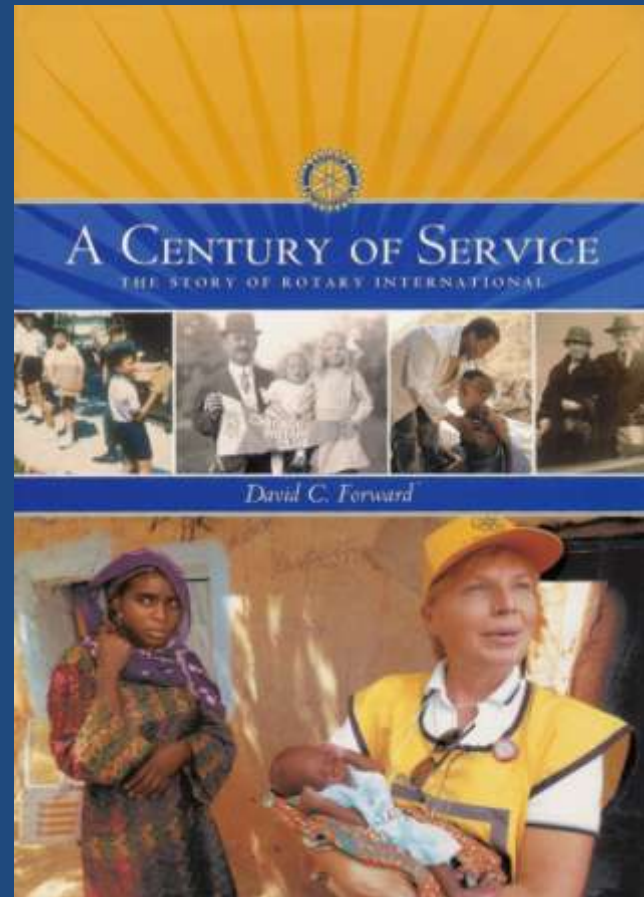
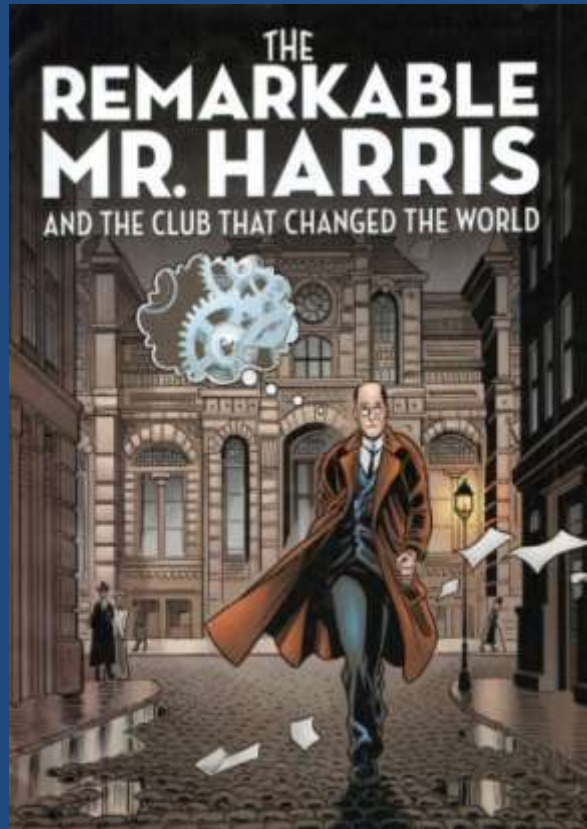


Genova
2003



1927 - 2002 DEN MENSCHEN
VERPFLICHTET 75 JAHRE
ROTARY IN DEUTSCHLAND

MANFRED WEDEMAYER



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ROTARY ITALIANO

**ORDINAMENTO E PRATICA
DEL ROTARY
(1934)**

Direttore 2030, Rotary International
Genova, 2007

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ROMAIN H. RAINERO

**IL PRIMO ROTARY ITALIANO
TRA ELITISMO E SERVIZIO
(1923-1938)**

Direttore 2030, Rotary International
Genova, 2007

Collana Storica Rotariana



ANNA GIANFREDA

**IL ROTARY E LA CHIESA
CATTOLICA: ASPETTI
STORICI E CANONISTICI**

Direttore 2030, Rotary International
Genova, 2008

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ADELE MAIELLO - ALBERTO PICCINI

**IL ROTARY IN ITALIA
DA CLUB AD ASSOCIAZIONE**

Diretto: 2030, Rotary International
Genova, 2003

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GIUSEPPE VIALE

**PRIMORDI
DEL ROTARY ITALIANO**

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TIIZIANA AGOSTINI

**TRA UTOPIA E REALTÀ
IL SESSANTOTTO AL ROTARY**

Diretto: 2030, Rotary International
Genova, 2003

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ANNA GIANFREDA

**IL ROTARY E LA CHIESA
CATTOLICA NELLE FONTI
DELL'ARCHIVIO SEGRETO
VATICANO (1925-1938)**

Diretto 2030, Rotary International
Genova, 2010

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GUIDO LEVI - GIORGIO GRIMALDI

**IL ROTARY E L'EUROPA
Il Sodalizio italiano e
il processo d'integrazione continentale**

Diretto 2030, Rotary International
Genova, 2011

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**A GLANCE AT A FORGOTTEN
ROTARY**

Diretto 2030, Rotary International
Genova, 2011

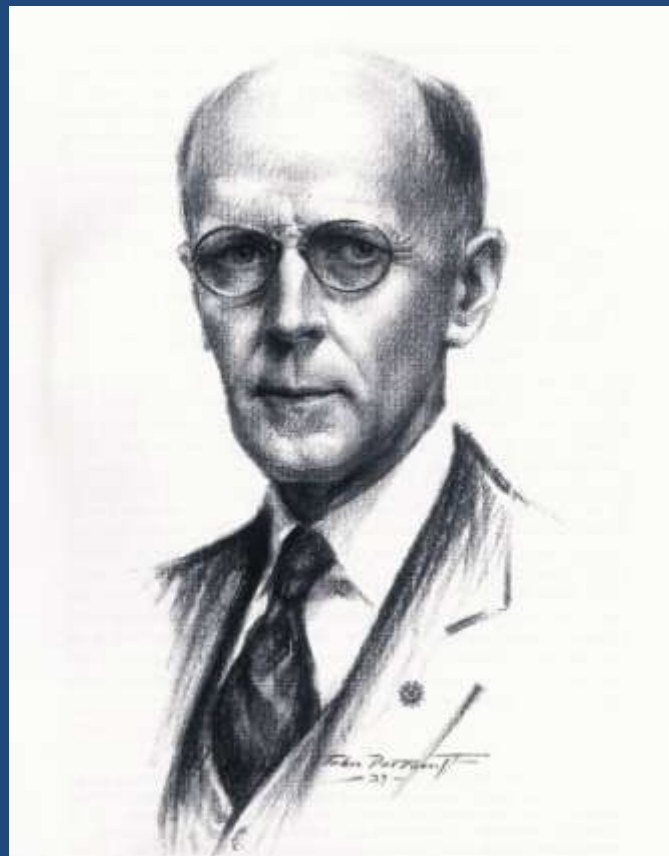
*“The Rotary Club should not be ashamed
of its early history; it should be proud of it.
If there is a history to be written,
it certainly should be an honest one”*

Harry Ruggles, April 23rd, 1937 (letter)



“It does not appeal to my sense of justice that special credit be given to the first four”

Paul Harris, Dec. 30th, 1919 (letter)



*“There is another matter which somewhat
grates on my nerves. I refer to the
emphasizing of the parts played by
Schiele, Shorey and Loehr”*

Paul Harris, Jan. 28th, 1920 (letter)



*“Neither Gus [Loehr] nor Shorey played
anything more than
mere chance parts in Rotary”*

Paul Harris, Dec. 30th, 1919 (letter)

*“Schiele is deserving a far greater credit than
either Loehr or Shorey...
but his service was not to be compared with
Ruggles”*

Paul Harris, Sept. 18th, 1922 (letter)

“I would like to portray, in one way or another, the spirit of the early days as clearly and as exactly as possible”

Paul Harris, June 10th, 1929 (letter)

*“Those splendid men were the real builders
who laid the foundations of the Rotary
movement till that moment should arrive
when it could be given to the world”*

Rufus Chapin, Memorandum
(written in 1925)

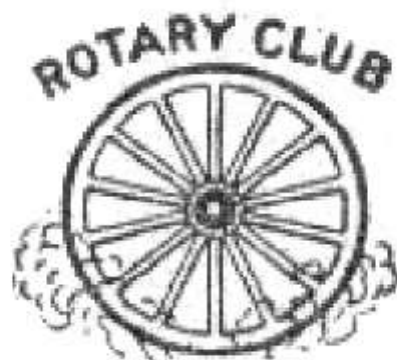
February 23rd 1905

or

February 25th 1904 ?

FOUNDED THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1904, BY PAUL P. HARRIS

Rotary Club



Board of Directors

PAUL P. HARRIS
H. L. RUGGLES
RUFUS F. CHAPIN
JOHN W. MARSHALL
JAS. A. PUGH
A. F. SHELDON
FRED L. ROSSBACH

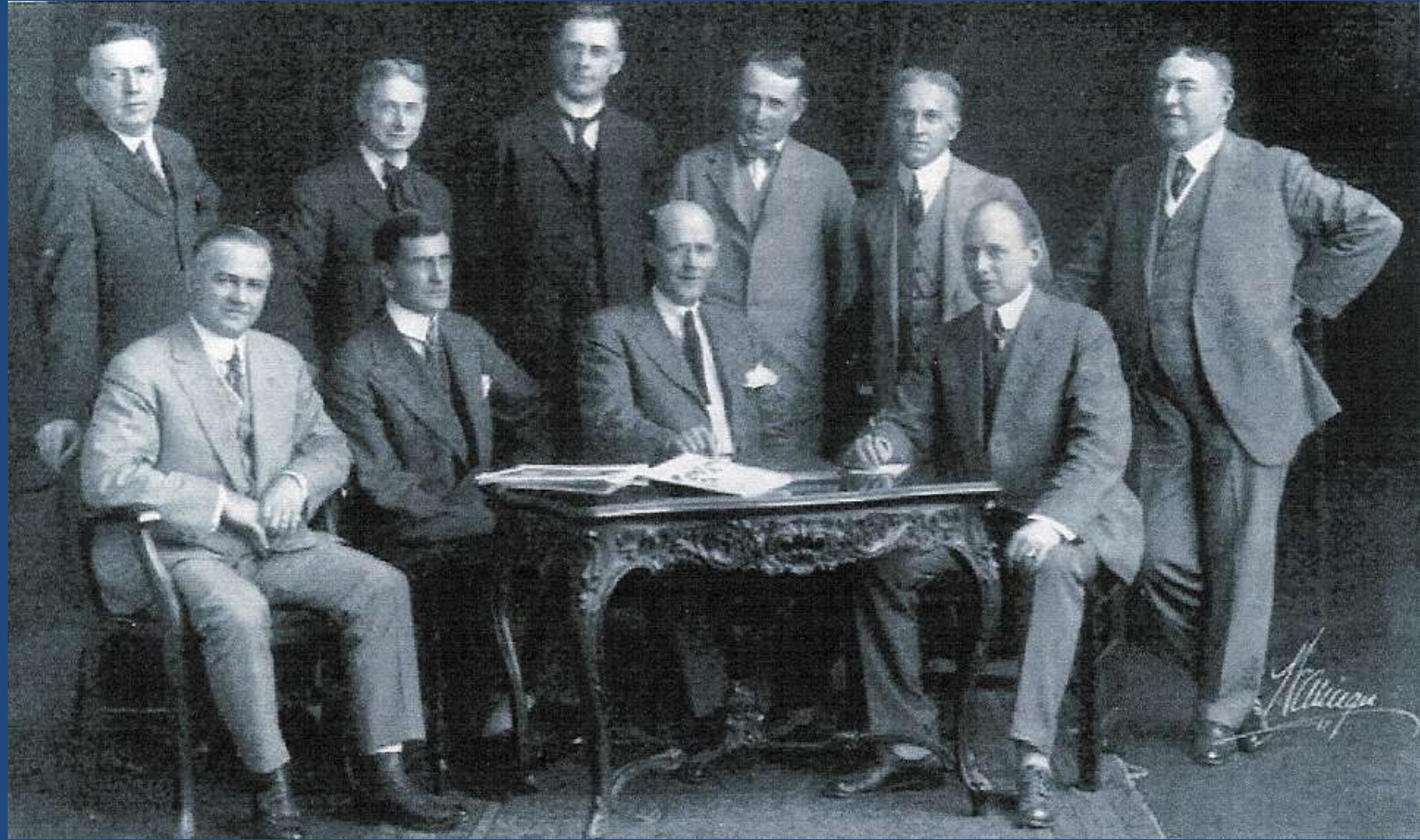
CHICAGO,

**JOINT RESOLUTIONS LOOKING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF ROTARY CLUBS.**

Whereas, on February 25, 1904, there was founded Rotary Club of Chicago, an association of business men who were desirous of promoting the business interests of each other, of advancing civic affairs, of enjoying good fellowship; and

Whereas, Rotary Club of Chicago has succeeded in its objects, has prospered and grown to a membership in the hundreds; and

*“We [veteran Rotarians], of course, all know
that nobody knows the exact date of that
talkfest...”*



*... We decided that Rotary should have a
birthday, and guessed at the date,
Feb. 23, 1905,
and adopted it for future use”*

Charles Newton, April 20th, 1937 (letter)

*“[February 23rd, 1905], the date as near
as it can now be fixed”*

Rufus Chapin, Memorandum
(written in 1925)



*“Whether Rotary started in 1904 or 1905
isn’t important... What’s the difference?
The American Declaration of Independence
wasn’t signed on July 4, though we
celebrate it on that date”*

Harry Ruggles, April 2nd, 1953 (letter)



*“All the old members know that business
was the real object of the club and
fellowship was a natural thing
to go along with it”*

Charles Newton, April 20th, 1937 (letter)



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George H. ...

*“The ‘primary object’ of Rotary was
to bring home the bacon”*

John Sullivan, May 10th, 1929 (letter)





“Rotary of the early days has been described as unadulterated selfishness. This characterization might be considered just anyhow”

Paul Harris, March 26, 1929 (letter)



shop with lady's

*“It was an era of such thinking as
‘Let the buyer beware’...”*



*... 'Do the other fellow first
before he does you' ...*



*...‘Every man for himself
and the devil take the hindmost’*
Chesley Perry, February 9th, 1955
(allocution)





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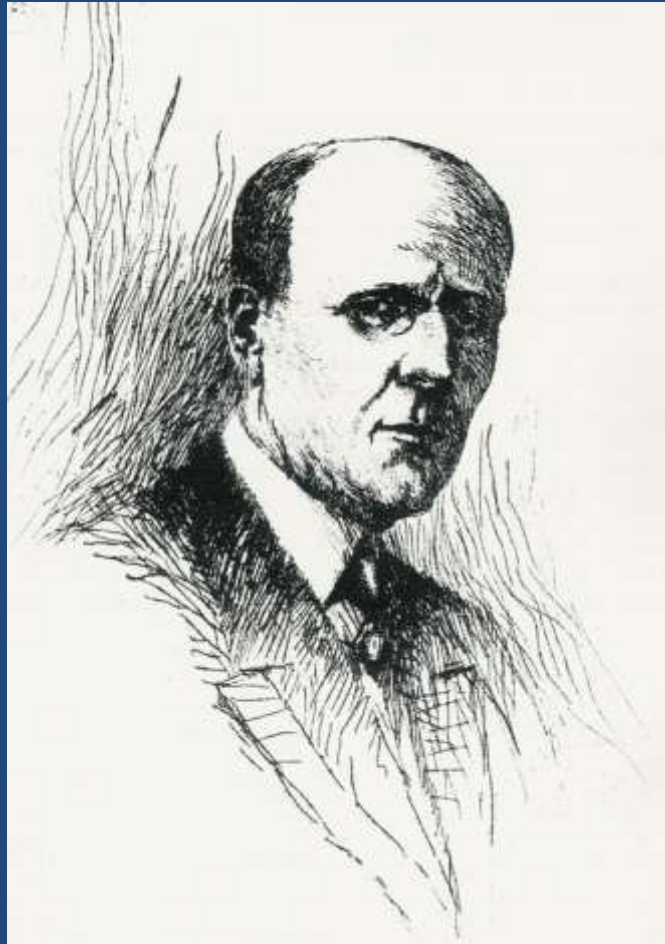






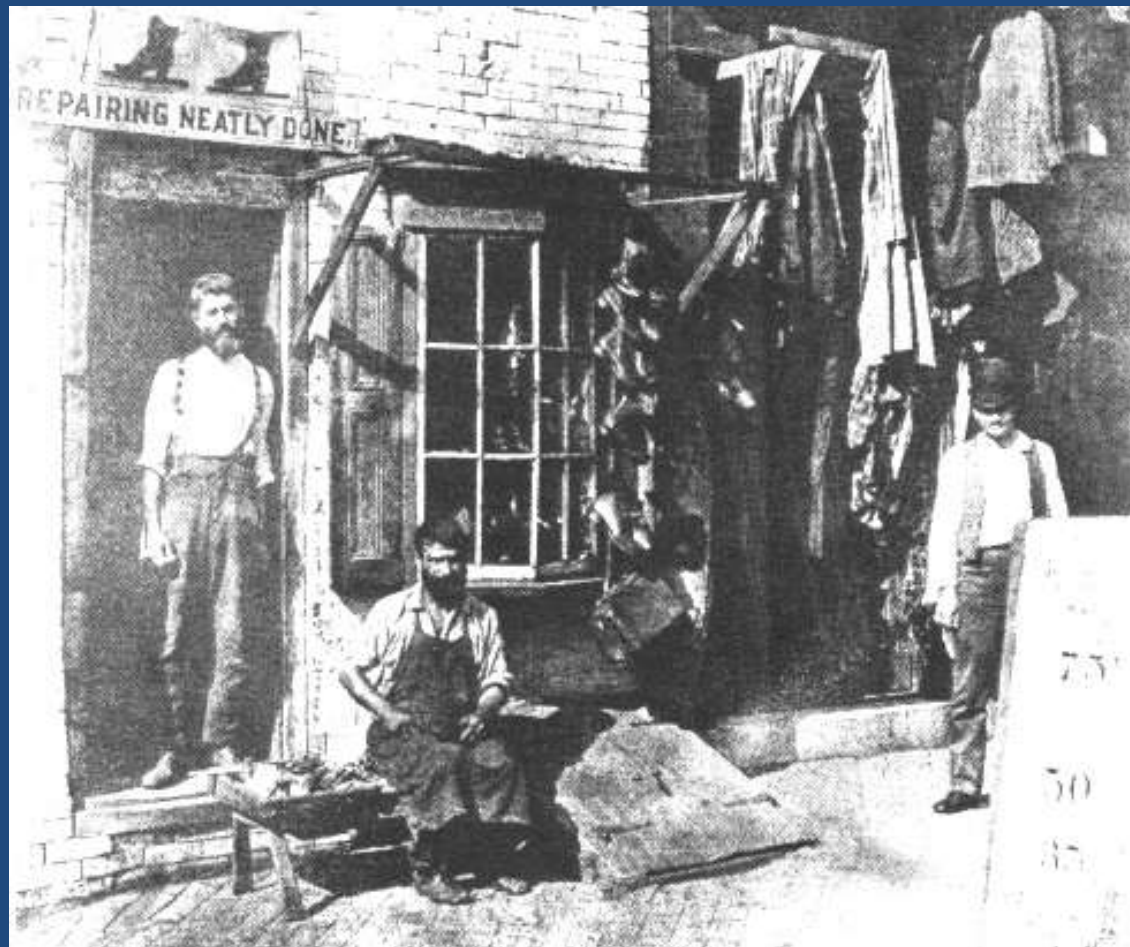
*“Paul Harris was a leader in advocacy
of the club’s becoming interested
in some civic work”*

Robert Fletcher, March 11th, 1929 (letter)



*“I had determined, so far as was
within my possible, to make
Rotary a useful organization”*

Paul Harris, March 15th, 1929 (letter)







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*“For some little time there was
very little enthusiasm...
The discussion was lengthy...”*

Paul Harris, March 11th, 1929 (letter)



Public Comfort Stations

Oct.
24, 1907

The topic is many-sided and can be treated to best advantage if we start out with recognition of this fact and with due appreciation of its significance.



WILL THE PROPOSED MEASURE REQUIRE THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR PURPOSES UNTRIED BY OTHER MUNICIPALITIES? ARE PUBLIC COMFORT STATIONS EXPERIMENTAL?

HUGO S. GROSSER
CITY STATISTICIAN

THE EXIGENCY OF THE LOOP DISTRICT

AUGUSTUS D. CURTIS
OF THE HAMILTON CLUB

ARE THESE INSTITUTIONS RECONCILABLE WITH AN ARTISTIC CHICAGO?

JAMES WILLIAM PATTISON
SECY. MUNICIPAL ART LEAGUE OF CHICAGO

ON WHOM SHOULD THE EXPENSE OF ESTABLISHING PUBLIC COMFORT STATIONS FALL?

DONALD M. CARTER
OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC COMFORT STATIONS
OF THE ROTARY CLUB

CHICAGO MUST KEEP AHEAD OF THE TIMES IN MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS

EDWIN G. FOREMAN
OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC COMFORT STATIONS
COMMERCIAL CLUB OF CHICAGO

Program of civic meeting Chicago Club
called in '07 to discuss building of Com-
fort Stations. Community Service Starts!

*“It was an achievement which brought
Rotary to the attention of the other
organizations throughout the city and
identified it with civic projects”*

**Hist. Committee R.C. Chicago,
April 9th, 1931 (minutes)**



*“It might perhaps have been
a nobler motive.*

*In my opinion, however, it was there that
Service became a part of Rotary”*

Paul Harris, March 15th, 1929 (letter)









State of Illinois,
Cook County.

5520
MAY 27 1935

TO JAMES A. ROSE, SECRETARY OF STATE.

We, the Undersigned,

Paul P. Marano, David D. Stagy and
John W. Marshall

Citizens of the United States, propose to form a Corporation under an act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, entitled, "An Act Concerning Corporations," approved April 18th, 1933, and all acts amendatory thereof, and that for the purposes of such organization we hereby state as follows, to-wit:

1. The name of such Corporation is the

Rotary Club

2. The object for which it is formed is

- First: The promotion of the business interests of its members.
- Second: The promotion of good fellowship and other desirable ends only needed to social clubs.
- Third: To advance the best interests of Chicago, and spread the spirit of loyalty among its citizens.

3. The management of the aforesaid

Rotary Club

shall be vested in

a Board of

Directors, who are to be selected

annually

4. The following persons are hereby selected as the

Directors to control and manage said Corporation for the first year of its corporate existence, viz:

Paul P. Marano, David D. Stagy, John W. Marshall, Albert G. White, August J. Chapman & Charles W. Smith

5. The location is in

Chicago

in the County of

Cook

State of Illinois. The Postoffice address of the business office of said Corporation is at Number 107-24

Wendy Building 99

Street, in the City of

Chicago

County of

Cook

and State of Illinois.

Signed:

Paul P. Marano
David D. Stagy
John W. Marshall

*“Third: to advance
the best interests of Chicago,
and spread the spirit of loyalty
among its citizens”*

Care of public good
prevailing
over private charity

Operative task

Ethical engagement

From the '**self before service**' stage
to the '**service before self**' stage
Rufus Chapin, Memorandum
(written in 1925)

