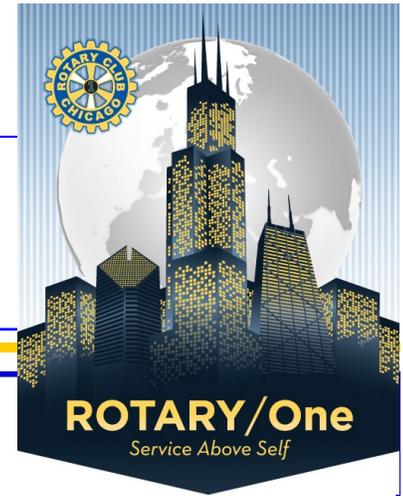


Rotary Club of Chicago

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Rotarians and Dictionary volunteers!

I know, Rotarians and Dictionary volunteers, we're nagging. Well, it worked for your mother, didn't it? So, do it! And be sure the children look up the words they don't know in the Four Way Test (See the first page of the dictionary, for those of you who weren't at the labeling event.). Delivering dictionaries does indeed "Build goodwill and better friendships" and is "Beneficial to all concerned." Contact Wes Westerfield for more information: wesw1@me.com.

ROTARY PR SEMINAR

Interested in learning more about how to tell the Rotary and ROTARY/One Story to others? Come to the upcoming PR seminar on January 31st 4-6pm at the Union League Club.

We will be talking about the Rotary Brand and key messaging to make sure that we are sharing all of the good work that we do (service, grants, etc.). We also will talk about how to share the Rotary brand with others in ways that make sense and have a brush up on public relations and social media. You will leave knowing more about what our club does and how you might be able to spread the word to prospective members, partners, and the community at large. Don't miss it! Kate Koziol and Conor Gee, Facilitators.



See page two for our early history and the founding members of Rotary.

Rotary's 108th Celebration is February 19th.

Upcoming Programs

February 5 Annual Meeting



108th Annual Meeting of the Rotary Club of Chicago

5:30 - 6:00 - Cocktails/Socialize--(2)
drink tickets!

6:00 - 7:00 - Business Meeting

7:00 - 7:30 - Fellowship, more hors
d'oeuvres

Please register online or via email at
rsvp@rotaryone.net

Please plan on joining us for our Annual Meeting on Tues-
day, February 5th!

Why should you be there?

- Learn about the impact that ROTARY/One has on the Chicago & world community - and have an opportunity to meet Service Chairs and participate!
- Honor our new Paul Harris, Ches Perry fellows and learn more about our Foundation
- Learn how you and how you can get involved in growing ROTARY/One
- Learn about some changes to our Membership Categories - including about our new Satellite
- Join fellow members for fellowship, cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Lisa Russ, President

February 12 Josh Hale



President and Chief Executive Officer of the Big Shoulders Fund in Chicago, Illinois. The Big Shoulders Fund, now 25 years old, provides support for inner-city Catholic schools located in Chicago's most underserved communities.

February 26 Rick Mattoon



Rick Mattoon is a senior economist and economic advisor in the economic research department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Mattoon's primary research focuses on issues that face the Midwest regional economy.

Early Rotary History—About the Founders

On 23 February 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Loehr's office for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting. Harris's desire for camaraderie among business associates brought together these four men and eventually led to an international organization of service and fellowship.

Read about each of the first four Rotarians below, and about Harry L. Ruggles, who is often called the "fifth Rotarian."

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

Gustavus Loehr, a mining engineer, was born on 18 October 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 23 May 1918.

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

Silvester Schiele, a coal dealer, served as the Chicago club's first president in 1905 and Rotary International's third treasurer in 1945. Born in Terre Haute, Indiana, in 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 17 December 1945 and is buried near Harris at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Originally from Michigan, **Harry Ruggles** was a graduate of Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and joined Rotary at its second meeting. He was treasurer of the Chicago club during its first year, 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 26 October 1959, an honorary member of seven clubs in addition to his home club, the Rotary Club of Chicago.

Taste for Rotary—Celebrate Rotary's 108th Birthday—February 19 5:30 to 9:00 PM at the Abbington