

Coldwater Rotary Club



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Charter No. 1044



1923

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International President

and

John P. Olds

Governor Eighteenth District

This is Dedicated

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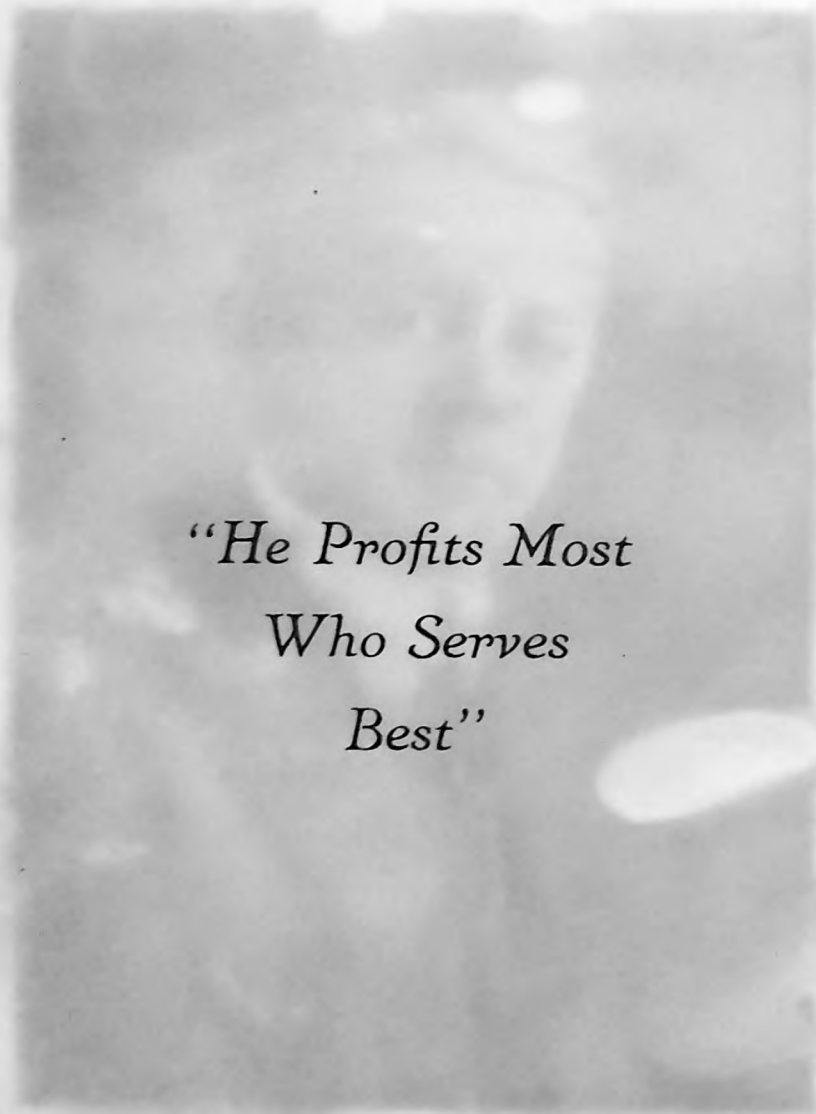
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Officers and Directors of Coldwater Club 1044

Frank A. Rowe.....President
C. O'Neill Carroll.....Vice President
Hugh W. Clarke.....Secretary
John R. Thompson.....Treasurer

DIRECTORS

Herbert L. Sloman

Harry D. Lansing

Harrison L. Milnes

Frank Treat.....Sergeant-at-Arms



History of The Club

THE IDEA of forming a Rotary Club in Coldwater came into the minds of several people at several different times before the actual establishment of the club. Dame rumor has it that at least three different attempts were made and that various stages of progress were reached. However, in view of the fact that but two or three of the Charter Members of the Coldwater Rotary Club as organized and chartered as of December 1st, 1921, were previously approached or have any knowledge of the earlier history of the movement, it is probable that no authentic data will ever be secured covering this period of time.

Consulting the files of the general office of Rotary International in Chicago, we find that on January 8th, 1920, Hugh Vandewalker of Ypsilanti, who at that time was Governor of the ninth district of Rotary clubs, took up with headquarters the question of establishing a Rotary club in Coldwater. At his request, on January 15th, Harrison Fletcher was named as chairman of the organizing committee, and on January 27th, Fred L. Gallop of Ypsilanti, as Special Representative.

The records at headquarters are silent as to what immediately followed, but from members who were approached at that time, it is authoritatively established that Mr. Fletcher made an active campaign to establish a club and that considerable progress was made.

Report has it that fifteen Charter Members were selected, when, without much warning, the project was suddenly declared dead. Again we fall back on rumor, although it seems pretty clearly established that the sudden demise of the club at this stage was due to the objections of one man, who not understanding the theory, ideas or ethics of Rotary and being unwilling to study or learn them, believed most honestly, we think, that Rotary would



interfere with such organizations as were already established in Coldwater and create an ill feeling. He prevailed on the interested parties to cease their activities.

Hugh Vandewalker's term as District Governor came to an end in July of 1920, and Ray Davis of St. Joseph, became Governor. At his request, Eddie Duesenberg of Kalamazoo, was appointed special representative for Coldwater. From the records at headquarters it appears that Mr. Fletcher still held his appointment as chairman of the organizing committee. Mr. Duesenberg never reported any progress to headquarters.

note In February of 1921, Frank Rowe came to Coldwater from South Bend, Indiana. He was in the employ of Armour & Company as Special Representative for that company, with a considerable territory under his charge. Frank had been a worker in South Bend in Church Classes, Boys' Work and other jobs where service without visible reward is the rule. He had been the guest of his manager, Frank Eby, of the South Bend Rotary Club, at several Rotary luncheons and had become extremely interested in Rotary.

On coming to Coldwater, and finding he was eligible to membership, he set about canvassing the field with a view to organizing a Rotary Club. He did this quietly, meeting some rebuffs and considerable interest. Finally, some time in the summer he had a long talk with Charles Rufus Osborn, then minister of the Baptist church, who advised Frank to talk with three men, one of whom was Fred Chambers. Before doing this, however, Frank, feeling pretty sure of his ground, wrote Secretary General Chesley Perry in Chicago, asking about the prospect of establishing a Rotary Club in Coldwater.

Aug 22 On the 6th day of October, Frank received word from Chicago that they were pleased to note a desire for a Rotary club in Coldwater, and that his letter had been referred to George Barnes of Flint, who had become District Governor the previous July. George Barnes immediately got into communication with Frank and from that time on the work of organization went forward rapidly.

On October 15th the appointments of Harrison Fletcher as Chairman of the Organizing Committee, and of Eddie Duesenberg as Special Representative, which had never been recalled, were terminated by authority. On the same day, George Lyons of Hillsdale,

whom I knew



was appointed by Governor George Barnes as his Special Representative, and on the 24th of October, Frank Rowe was named as chairman of the organizing committee.

Frank then called on Fred Chambers, and these two men picked as the three other members of the committee O'Neill Carroll, Herbert Sloman and Hugh Clarke. These five men met with George Lyons and the other Directors of the Hillsdale Club at the home of Mr. Chambers and planned the forming of a Club. A second meeting, a couple of days later, resulted in the selection of the Charter Membership list and within a few days twenty men were signed up.

On Thursday evening, November 10th, twenty of these twenty-two—the other two being out of town—met at the Arlington Hotel for dinner. President George Lyons of the Hillsdale Club, and twenty-nine of his club were present. George presided at the meeting and under his guidance a temporary organization was effected, with Frank Rowe as temporary chairman and Hugh Clarke as temporary secretary. It was voted to hold a meeting for permanent organization a week from the next Friday night.

Accordingly on the evening of November 18th, the new Club, together with thirty-seven Rotarians from Angola, eleven from Adrian, ten from Sturgis, four from Hillsdale, and three from Battle Creek, met at the St. Mark's Parish House. Frank Rowe and George Lyons presided and the temporary organization was made permanent, with the adoption of the standard Rotary Constitution and By-Laws and the election of a Board of Directors—Frank, Rowe, Fred Chambers, O'Neill Carroll, Herbert Sloman, Harry Lansing, Rollo Thompson and Hugh Clarke were named directors.

Application was also made for a charter from Rotary International. The Board of Directors organized by electing Frank Rowe, President; O'Neill Carroll, Vice-President; Rollo Thompson, Treasurer, and Hugh Clarke, Secretary.

The two final acts in the organization of the Coldwater Rotary Club came on December 12th, 1921, and on the evening of January 5th. On the first date, the charter of the Coldwater Club, number 1044, was granted by the Board of Directors of the International Association of Rotary Clubs. On the last named date Governor George Barnes of Flint, was present with us and in an address which will always be remembered by those who heard it, presented the Club with its Charter.

Hillsdale - sponsored us.

Sept 12

Sept 16

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Sept 19

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1/5/1922 Charter signed



A Message From President Frank

THE MORE I see of Rotary at work, the more I realize how it influences men in their daily life. One has seen in the past so many good men living for themselves alone; not knowing the beauty and widespread influence in the Rotary Spirit. Finally, however, Rotary came into this community, and finally into their lives, and they began to live anew, transforming a seemingly selfish life into one of usefulness. Nothing is more helpful in any community than to see a group of business and professional men lending their efforts unto a spirit of "Service."

Time was when the business man was looked upon with an eye of suspicion. Now the Spirit of Service has gripped the business and professional men and they now stand as the leaders of any community.

Our own club is no exception. Rotary has chosen men from so many classifications that hidden talent, hitherto unknown, has blossomed and bloomed into real fruitage. It is needless for me to recount the many instances where this is a fact in our club. A glance at any undertaking is sufficient proof to you.

It would be idealistic to predict the future life and activities of Rotary in Coldwater, but I know Rotary, and you, and what is good for you and what is good for Rotary will be good for our city and community.

Let us extend Rotary to our community, our relations to our rural brother should be cultivated and made a reality.

Service is our watchword and the community that now prospers, will be builded on "Service," therefore, be of "Service," for he "profits most, who serves best."

Yours Rotarily,

"Service"

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MEMBERS OF COLDWATER ROTARY CLUB

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Brief History

ROTARY came into being with a group of five Chicago business men, each representing a different profession. One a lawyer, one a banker, one a physician, one a merchant, and one a manufacturer.

*"Service Above Self"
Let It Carry On
Through The
Ages.*

The first meeting was held on the evening of February 23rd in the City Building on Dearborn Street, Chicago.

The name "Rotary" was chosen for the club because of the custom of having the meeting in rotation at the places of business of the different members, where each member acted as host. After the business explained the object of the club to the members and explained his business to the other members. As time went on and the membership increased it was found impracticable to hold the weekly meetings in their business places and a new and better plan for the meetings was held in the various hotels and restaurants of Chicago.

The growth of Rotary during the past eighteen years has been extraordinary and it is growing by leaps and bounds. Rotary is no longer a local organization in the world. It is a world-wide organization in one great band of fellowship. It is a service organization.

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Brief History of Rotary

ROTARY came into "being" with a group of four Chicago business men, each representing a different calling. One a coal dealer, one a mining operator, one a merchant tailor, and the fourth an attorney.

To the attorney, Paul P. Harris, belongs the credit for the conception of the club which has grown from the first meeting in Chicago on February 23rd, 1905, until this year, on the 18th anniversary, it has attained the marvelous growth of over 1,325 clubs, with a membership of over 90,000 in twenty-seven countries of the world.

It was Paul Harris' idea the club should be unique among clubs; that it should promote friendship and understanding, knowledge and broad mindedness, and an interest in the other fellow and mutual helpfulness; and that only one man from each line of business or profession should be admitted to membership. The first meeting was held on the evening of February 23rd, in the Unity building, on Dearborn street. Chicago.

The name "Rotary" was chosen for the club because of the custom of having the meeting in rotation at the places of business of the different members, where each member acted as host and after the luncheon exhibited his office, shop or place of business and explained his business to the other members. As time went on and the membership increased it was found impracticable to hold the weekly meetings in their business places and it was not long before the meetings were held in the various hotels and restaurants of Chicago.

The growth of Rotary during the past eighteen years has been marvelous and it is still growing by leaps and bounds. Rotary is in a class by itself—it is unlike any other organization in the world. It draws men together in one great bond of fellowship. It is impossi-



ble for any one person or any one business to dominate in Rotary. Each member is benefited by his membership, which tends to lift him to a higher plane and out of his business rut and routine.

The Rotary creed is fully set forth in the "Rotary Platform" and in the "Rotary Code of Ethics." Every Rotary club demands fair dealings, honest methods and high standard in business, amplifying the Rotary Slogan, "Service above self—he profits most who serves best."

The Rotary club has one rule which must never be violated. This is the rule in regard to attendance, whereby a member who is absent four meetings in succession is dropped from the club. A careful record is kept by every club secretary and nothing short of sickness or death can excuse a member.

The general policy which Rotary invariably follows with regard to community service is that the club or any combination of Rotary clubs does not undertake to carry through any enterprise for the doing of which there already exists some other organization, but lends itself, either as a club, or more often and more particularly through its individual members, to the organization interested in the project. Where no organization exists the Rotary Club usually either adopts the plan of organizing an agency or during an emergency the Rotary Club carries on the project until some other organization is formed for the purpose.

New Rotary history was created on the night of Friday, February 23rd, the 18th anniversary, when Raymond M. Havens, international president of Rotary, broadcasted his address throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico to hundreds of clubs. Through the co-operation of the broadcasting stations of the country who agreed to leave the air free for this experiment and with the aid of powerful stations in different sections, the address was heard with great clearness wherever the atmospheric conditions permitted.

Do not be afraid of criticism. Criticise yourself often.

Handle the hardest job first each day. Easy ones are pleasures.

Be fair and do at least one decent act each day.

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Rotary Code of Ethics

Adopted by the Sixth Annual Convention of the International Association of Rotary Clubs at San Francisco, California, July Nineteenth to Twenty-third, Nineteen Hundred and Fifteen.

MY BUSINESS standards shall have in them a note of sympathy for our common humanity. My business dealings, ambitions and relations shall always cause me to take into consideration my highest duties as a member of society. In every position in business life, in every responsibility that comes before me, my chief thought shall be to fill that responsibility and discharge that duty so when I have ended each of them, I shall have lifted the level of human ideals and achievements a little higher than I found them. In view of this, it is my duty as a Rotarian—

- 1st—To consider my vocation worthy, and as affording me distinct opportunity to serve society.
- 2nd—To improve myself, increase my efficiency and enlarge my service, and by so doing attest my faith in the fundamental principle of Rotary, that he profits most who serves best.
- 3rd—To realize that I am a business man and ambitious to succeed; but that I am first an ethical man, and wish no success that is not founded on the highest justice and morality.
- 4th—To hold that the exchange of my goods, my service and my ideas for profit is legitimate and ethical, provided that all parties to the exchange are benefited thereby.
- 5th—To use my best endeavors to elevate the standards of the vocation in which I am engaged, and so to conduct my affairs that others in my vocation may find it wise, profitable and conducive to happiness to emulate my example.
- 6th—To conduct my business in such a manner that I may give a perfect service equal to or even better than my competitor, and when in doubt to give added service beyond the strict measure of debt or obligation.

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- 7th—To understand that one of the greatest assets of a professional or of a business man is his friends and that any advantage gained by reason of friendship is eminently ethical and proper.
- 8th—To hold that true friends demand nothing of one another and that any abuse of the confidence of friendship for profit is foreign to the spirit of Rotary, and in violation of its Code of Ethics.
- 9th—To consider no personal success legitimate or ethical which is secured by taking unfair advantage of certain opportunities in the social order that are absolutely denied others, nor will I take advantage of opportunities to achieve material success that others will not take because of the questionable morality involved.
- 10th--To be not more obligated to a Brother Rotarian than I am to every other man in human society; because the genius of Rotary is not in its competition, but in its co-operation; for provincialism can never have a place in an institution like Rotary, and Rotarians assert that Human Rights are not confined to Rotary Clubs, but are as deep and as broad as the race itself; and for these high purposes does Rotary exist to educate all men and all institutions.
- 11th--Finally, believing in the universality of the Golden Rule, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them," we contend that Society best holds together when equal opportunity is accorded all men in the natural resources of this planet.

"For the world is a mirror of king and slave;

It's just what we are, and do.

So give to the world the BEST you have,
And the BEST will come back to you!"

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Club Red Letter Days

† January 5, 1922—Charter presented by Governor George Barnes.

† February 15—First annual Ladies' Night. One big night with a big attendance of Rotary Anns and their husbands. Big feed, Rotary program and dance.

April 25—Annual meeting and election of officers.

May 9—Evening meeting in honor of Boys' Week. Addressed by Past District Governor Hugh VandeWalker. Entire Boys' Week Program put through by a committee on Boys' Work.

† May 12—Boys' Picnic and "eats" at Water Works Park.

† August 8—State School Picnic. About 300 children from the School were transported to Coldwater Lake and given the time of their life. Swimming, boating and playing games passed the time from 2 till 5, when a big supper was served. Glenn Cowell was in general charge. Larry Eckel planned the supper and Mrs. Rotary Ann Shattuck headed the ladies' committee.

† August 22—State School day at the circus, by kindness of Harry Lansing and the Coldwater Daily Reporter. The Rotary Club acted as general transportation committee.

October 24—Evening meeting in charge of the Boys' Work Committee.

November 21—Intercity meeting with Battle Creek as guests of their club.

December 9—Ray Havens meeting in Battle Creek. Eight Rotarians and their wives attend from Coldwater club.

February 23—John Olds, district governor, visits club on 18th anniversary of Rotary.

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Membership and Classification

George M. Branch.....	Retail Dry Goods ✓
C. O'Neill Carroll.....	Retail Grocer
Hugh W. Clarke.....	Retail Drugs
Oliver J. Deabler.....	Furniture Dealer
Dr. Edward C. Freeland.....	Dentist
Albert J. Fiske.....	Retail Coal Dealer
Clarence C. Jones.....	Manufacturer Cement
Ira F. King.....	Superintendent Schools
Robert A. Kerr.....	Retail Hardware ✓
Harry D. Lansing.....	Newspaper
Edward D. Legg.....	Lumber Dealer
Harry L. Milnes.....	Wholesale Grocer
Frank A. Rowe.....	Wholesale Meats
Dr. Samuel Schultz.....	Doctor ✓
Roy J. Shattuck.....	Undertaker
Herbert L. Sloman.....	Retail Clothier
Frank W. Treat.....	Machinery and Supplies
John Rollo Thompson.....	Banker
Bert R. Warner.....	Automobile Dealer
Herbert A. Sebald.....	Gas Service
Sigmund L. Wing.....	Live Stock Man
W. Glenn Cowell.....	Lawyer
Charles L. Keep.....	Fire Insurance
Charles L. Conover.....	Masonic Grand Secretary
Warner B. VanAken.....	Florist
Frank B. Moore.....	Farm Loans
Dr. Walter J. Bien.....	Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat
Dr. George D. Vail.....	Roentgenologist
Carl J. Martin.....	Produce Marketing
Larry E. Eckel.....	Hotel Man
Walter F. Titus.....	Iron Foundry
Herbert F. Lee.....	Paints, Oils and Glass
Judge Clayton C. Johnson.....	Honorary



Standing Committees

BOYS' WORK

Ira King
Charles Conover
Warner VanAken
Herbert Sloman
Bert Warner
Bert Fiske

EDUCATIONAL

Samuel Schultz
Ira King
Edward Freeland
Carl Martin
Walter Bien

PROGRAM

Harrison Milnes
Robert Kerr
George Branch
Herbert Sebald
Sigmund Wing

ENTERTAINMENT

Hugh Clarke
Harrison Milnes
Robert Kerr
George Vail

BUSINESS METHODS

Glenn Cowell
John Thompson
O'Neill Carroll

FELLOWSHIP

Herbert Lee
Roy Shattuck
Frank Treat

PIANIST

Herbert Sebald

PUBLICITY

Harry Lansing
Ollie Deabler

SONG LEADER

George Vail

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Edward Legg
Charles Keep



Wise Sayings of Our Members

"If you lose, your judgment was faulty; if you win, you should have risked more."—Rollo Thompson.

"I have no time to quarrel with the mistakes of my past; there is a long road ahead of me."—Edward Freeland.

"My friends trust me and that is one more prop to hold me up."—Walter Bien.

"You might as well try to dam Niagara with a shingle as to attempt to hold a man back who thinks straight and works hard."—Herbert Sebald.

"The world is your cow, but you must do the milking."—Charles Keep.

"The man who lives to himself alone is dead long before the undertaker is notified."—Roy Shattuck.

"The man who does his best today will be a hard man to beat tomorrow."—Frank Rowe.

"My boy blows his tin whistle—I blow my silver mounted flute. We both make discords but we don't know it, and if you don't tell us we are happy."—Robert Kerr.

"Do not place yourself in a position where you have to explain."—Sig Wing.

"Do not take it to heart. There never yet was a fine cabinet maker whose work was not criticized by men who could not sharpen a lead pencil."—Hugh W. Clarke.

✓ "If all who are crippled in the head were unable to use their feet, wheel chairs would be at a premium."—Sam Schultz.

"It is much easier to love our customers than it is to even tolerate the man who trades across the street."—George Branch.

"Never accept a man as your leader who hasn't been over the ground and knows the way."—Harry Lansing.

"Tears wash away the stains of the world so that the soul may shine through."—Walter Titus.

"Conducting a business is like driving an automobile—the less you know about it the more likely you are to land in the ditch."—O'Neill Carroll.



"The spring doesn't run dry. We simply grow careless and lose the way."—Oliver Deabler.

"Owls have acquired a reputation for wisdom simply by looking wise all the time and hooting only occasionally."—Bert Warner.

"Don't crawl under life's tent; the only way to enjoy the show is to pay your way."—Bert Fiske.

"It is impossible for you to throw mud at the other fellow without soiling your own hands."—Edward Legg.

"One of the hardest things to restore to its owner is lost confidence."—Herbert Sloman.

"Every time the sewing society meets the heavenly choir list is materially cut down."—Carl Martin.

"We have noticed that the man who is always pointing to his family tree never breaks any planting records himself."—Warner VanAken.

"Refusing to look the naked truth in the face is what might be termed false modesty."—Frank Moore.

"It is usually on our detours that we pick up the tacks."—Clarence Jones.

"The man who thinks it is good business to knock a competitor, would make fun of his wife's false teeth at a dinner party."—Harry Milnes.

"Noises do not affect some people. They sleep the soundest while their neighbors are building up their town."—Herbert Lee.

"The man who thinks he can't, is right about it."—Charles Conover.

"The surest way to hold a soft job is to put a lot of hard work into it."—Ira King.

"I have no time to quarrel with your conscience—I am busy with my own."—George Vail.

"When a man feathers his own nest, there are usually several picked chickens standing around who are mournfully thinking it over."—Glenn Cowell.

"The longer the slide, the harder the climb."—Frank Treat.

"The longer the act, the shorter the encore."—Larry Eckel.

"Judge others as you would be judged."—Clayton Johnson.



Honor Roll In Attendance

JANUARY 1, 1922—JANUARY 1, 1923

O'Neill Carroll	100%
Hugh Clarke	100%
Edward Freeland	100%
Harry Milnes	100%
Frank Rowe	100%
Herbert Sloman	100%
Oliver Deabler	98%
Harry Lansing	96%
Frank Treat	96%
Bert Fiske	94%
George Branch	94%
Samuel Schultz	90%
Rollo Thompson	90%

The following honor records were made by members who became Rotarians some time after January 1st, 1922:

Warner VanAken	100%
George Vail	100%
Larry Eckel	100%
Walter Titus	95%
Charles Keep	93%
Walter Bien	91%

Average attendance of Club for year 1922—90.25%.

High Month, November	97.05%
Low Month, July	84.56%



The Rotary Spirit

By Edgar A. Guest.

Red roses for the living, and handclasps warm and true,
A heart that's tuned to giving, and strength to dare and do;
The sound of honest laughter, the joy of honest toil;
For those that follow after, to leave a finer soil.
All this has been and ever will be the Rotary plan,
A man's sincere endeavor to serve his fellow-man.

A little less self-seeking, a little more for men,
Less bitter in our speaking, more kindly with the pen;
A little less of swerving from paths of truth and right,
A little more of serving and less of dollar might.
More peaceful with our neighbors, and stauncher to our friends,
For this all Rotary labors, on this its hope depends.

To smooth the way for others, to make of life the most;
To make the phrase "our brothers" mean more than idle boast;
To praise sincere endeavor, when praise will spur it on,
Withholding kind words never until the friend is gone;
This is the Rotary spirit, this is the Rotary dream,
God grant that we may near it, before we cross the stream.



The Rotary Wheel

Rotary is symbolized by a gear wheel having six arms or spokes and twenty-four teeth. At its center is conscience, sleepless guard of conduct. Its Hub may represent Faith in God and Man. Its arms stand for Hope, the anchor of the soul. Its rim forms the unbroken circle of Love, which thinketh no evil. And its twenty-four teeth, which, engaging in the various activities of life, perfect its operations by the exhibition of—

Freedom, Liberty, Unity, Fraternity or Friendship, Opportunity, Loyalty, Gentleness, Goodness, Peace, Joy, Truth, Confidence, Wisdom, Knowledge, Courage, Meekness, Faithfulness, Generosity, Humility, Mercy or Charity, Purity of Heart, Temperance, Brotherly Kindness and Godliness.

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