

**A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY**

Born in Racine, Wisconsin, USA, on 19 April 1868, Paul P. Harris was the second of six children of George N. and Cornelia Bryan Harris.

At age three, he moved to Wallingford, Vermont, where he grew up in the care of his paternal grandparents, Howard and Pamela Harris. He attended the University of Vermont and Princeton University and received his law degree from the University of Iowa in 1891.

While he was in school, both of Harris's grandparents died, and he spent the five years after graduation traveling around the country and working odd jobs. After arriving penniless in San Francisco in 1891, he worked as a reporter for the *San Francisco Chronicle* and then as a ranch hand, grape picker, actor, and cowboy. He was also a hotel night clerk in Jacksonville, Florida, and a traveling marble and granite salesman.



In 1896, he settled in Chicago and opened a law practice. Along with Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey, he founded the Rotary Club of Chicago in 1905 and was elected its president in 1907.

Club membership grew rapidly. Many members were originally from small towns and found an opportunity for fellowship in the Chicago club. Harris was convinced that the club could be expanded into a service movement and strove to extend Rotary to other communities.

In 1910, he met Jean Thompson during an outing with the Prairie Club, a Chicago-based organization for wilderness enthusiasts. Harris and Thompson married three months later and settled on Chicago's South Side.

In the same year, the National Association of Rotary Clubs was formed, and Harris was elected its first president. He held the office for two years and afterward became president emeritus, serving as the public face of the organization and promoting membership extension and service around the world.

He wrote several books about Rotary and his life and travels, including *The Founder of Rotary* and *This Rotarian Age*.

In addition to his work with Rotary, Harris was involved in other civic organizations, including the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry, City Club of Chicago, Chicago Bar Association, Prairie Club, and Easter Seals. He was also recognized by the Boy Scouts of America and honored by the governments of Brazil, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, and Peru.

Harris died on 27 January 1947, leaving a rich legacy of fellowship, professionalism, service, and friendship. His passing also sparked an outpouring of donations to The Rotary Foundation from all over the world, allowing the Foundation to greatly expand its programs and services.



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### APRIL IS MAGAZINE MONTH

#### INVOCATION

<b>April 28</b>	Peter Tam	<b>May 19</b>	Eng Hock Tan
<b>June 2</b>	Marco Terwiel	<b>June 9</b>	Nizar Virani



**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Rick Hammer – Pitt Meadows Paddle Club

**NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM:** Fireside at Scout Hall

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 1: John & Terry Becker      May 2: Ken & Gayle Paterson

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 28: Peter Boekhorst

#### CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
<b>Apr. 29</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	Haney Rotary Ladies Night	Swan-E-Set
<b>May 5</b>		Fireside	Scouts Hall ??
<b>May 23-24</b>		Shelterbox Village	Memorial Peace Park
<b>May 24-28</b>		GSE Team from Ecuador	
<b>May 26</b>		Potluck BBQ with GSE Visitors from Ecuador	at David Rempel's
<b>May 28-31</b>	<b>12:00</b>	District 5050 Conference	Heritage Park – Chilliwack
<b>June 12</b>		(Friday) Installation Dinner	Marco Terwiel's home

**50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$867.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 21 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!**

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Our Guests today were: Nico, Glen Kask and Lloyd of Mission Sunrise Club, Debi and Samantha Nosworthy and Irena Shantz.

Announcements:

Ineke spoke about the upcoming Shelter Box Village Fundraiser which will be held the weekend of May 23-24, 2009. Ineke made a presentation to the local Schools as well as the Haney Club. The Club is looking for Corporate Sponsors, and to date we have two: Rick Howard of Canadian Western Bank plus a joint sponsorship from Lone Palm Management/Marco Terwiel.

Patrick O'Brien announced he is willing to put up \$100 and has challenged other Rotarians to come forward so our Club can sponsor a Box.

Twelve Volunteer Rotarians will be required to stay overnight plus eight schools and four Scout groups will assist with manning the tents.

The Fireside Meeting has been rescheduled to May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Scouts Hall.



Dave Rempel introduced Glen and Lloyd of Mission Sunrise who presented our new Banner Cabinet and Mission Rotary's flag the first to be installed.



Our Guest Speaker today was our Exchange Student Nico, who gave us a wonderful presentation of his home Country of France. The Powerpoint presentation accompanied by the French National Anthem showed beautiful pictures of France ranging from the Alps to the beautiful beaches in the south.

Nico was born in La Rochelle however now lives with his family in Lucon in the Province of Pays-de-la-Loire.

Some information that Nico provided us with is:

France has 22 Provinces; Canada is 18 times larger than France however France has twice the population of Canada.

Immigrants came from North and South Africa.

Unemployment is 8.3%.

France was the first to join the EEC, along with West Germany, Belgium, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

France's main economy is Agriculture, Tourism, Automobiles and Aeronautics

France was the most visited country in 2007 with 81.9 million visitors, Spain being the second with 58.5 million.

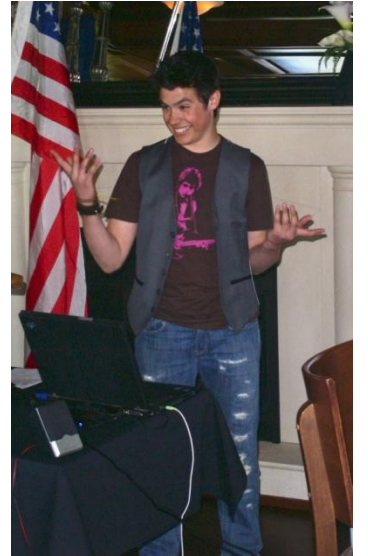
Nico went on to tell us about his French Culture, boasting Art, Architecture and Literature. He also went on to tell us of his Christmas Eve traditions as well as the wonderful food and wines this beautiful country has to offer. He also mentioned that there is a saying "A Meal without cheese is a beautiful woman with an eye missing."

Nico mentioned the school system is different in France with courses being more difficult and teachers being much more strict than his experience here in Canada. School starts at 8:00 a.m. and can go as late as 6:00 p.m. However, every six weeks they get two weeks holidays.

Nico concluded his presentation by thanking the Rotarians for the wonderful experience of being able to visit B.C.

Thank you Nico for an awesome presentation – it was enjoyed by all!

**Submitted by Maureen Goodrick**



## GARIBALDI SS "PLANNING 10 INTERVIEWS"

On May 13 Garibaldi will be hosting the sixth annual "Planning 10 Interviews". These mock interviews are part of the Planning 10 final project. In this course the students have been working on career planning areas such as: employability skills, cover letters, resumes and interviews.

At this time we would like to invite you to help us with these interviews. Students will be given specific jobs to apply for. Guidelines for interviews and assessment will be provided. Students will provide you with a cover letter and a resume at the start of the interview.

Interviews will be in half hour time slots. We will meet in the library at 8:15 AM. Interviews will start at 8:30 AM, going until 11:10 AM. We will serve a light lunch and continue interviews from 11:55 – 2:35 PM. We are very flexible with the times for volunteers to assist us: morning only, afternoon only, all day or any specific time that is convenient for you.

**If you are able to help out on May 13th would you please email Matt deBruyn at mattdebruyn@shaw.ca or please call him at 604-462-1570.**