

While Rotary's president changes every year, only 12 people have served as general secretary, a role that's equivalent to a chief executive — and at 32 years, Perry served the longest.

In August 1910, the newly formed National Association of Rotary Clubs (now Rotary International) unanimously selected Perry for the role then known as secretary. He accepted the part-time position at \$100 per month, with an agreement that the amount of time he'd devote would remain unspecified. By 1912, the job had evolved into a full-time executive role, and Perry's pay was increased.

Perry's own office on LaSalle Street in Chicago, Illinois, USA, served as the first headquarters of the association. By 1911, Rotary had established an office in the First National Bank Building at the intersection of Dearborn and Monroe in Chicago.

Perry concurrently served as editor and business manager of The Rotarian from 1911 to 1928, and he opened Rotary's first international office, in Zurich, Switzerland, in February 1925. He oversaw the expansion of Rotary as it grew during his tenure from 16 clubs in the United States to more than 5,000 worldwide. His title was officially changed to general secretary in 1941-42, his final year in office.

Perry had announced his plans to retire in 1940, but agreed to remain in his post while the organization trained his successor, Philip C. Lovejoy. A number of clubs sought to nominate Perry for RI president in 1942-43, but he declined, saying, "I am gratefully conscious of the high compliment thereby being paid to me."

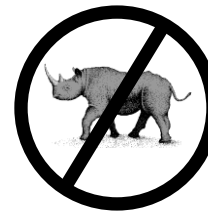
After retiring, Perry remained a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago, which he'd joined in 1908. But he wasn't done being a leader, and served as club president in 1944-45. In 1954, Rotary offered him the title "secretary emeritus" to honor his years of service, but he again declined, *preferring the role of ordinary Rotarian.*

THE EARLY RISER

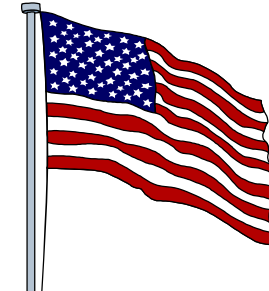
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(Rotarian In Name Only!)



ROTARY PRAYER

Oh Lord, and giver of all good, we
thank Thee for our daily food.

May Rotary friends and Rotary
ways, help to serve Thee all of our
days.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WICHITA FALLS NORTH



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FUTURE PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS

August 21	David Leezer, VP of Business Attraction, W. F. Chamber of Commerce
August 28	-----To Be Announced
September 4	-----Dwayne Lee – Visiting the D-Day Beaches
September 11	-----Gary Southard
September 18	----- Phil Waggoner
September 25	----- Tom Cale
October 2	----- David Collins
October 9	----- Mike Crocker
October 16	----- Larry Gunnell
October 23	----- Ajay Kumar
October 30	----- Ann Lucas
November 6	----- Bill Neale
November 13	----- Rob Noble
November 20	----- Jeani Secord
November 27	----- No Meeting (Thanksgiving)
December 4	----- Troy Secord
December 11	----- Tom Sheriff

NEWS FROM OUR LAST VIRTUAL E-MEETING:

Thanks to President Clint, the meeting was held live and in living color at the Vantage Point Condomenia.

President Clint led us in the Rotary Prayer.

Ann led us in the Pledges.

Because of her upcoming surgery (at that time), Jeani is quarantined at home and can not attend last week's meeting. At the time that I'm writing this bulletin, Jeani is home from her surgery and seemingly doing very well, all things considered.

Phil, Ajay and Clint (2) contributed to the brag bucket.

A birthday for Jeani was announced, as well as a wedding anniversary for Larry and Lisa and a 30th (I think) club anniversary for Tom S. Congratulations to all!

Tom S. introduced Adele Lewis, the public information officer for the Wichita Falls office of TxDot, as our speaker. Adelle presented a video produced by Werner Herzog entitled "1 Second to the Next". It was a very moving video about tragedies that have occurred because of

someone texting and driving. The point is: **JUST DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE!**

After the meeting, there was a meeting about our participation in the Global Grant with India. Because of the way that the person in India wrote the grant, our club was going to be the "international" club for the grant. Originally we thought we were just going to contribute to the grant. It was decided that our club was not in a position to be able to administer the Global Grant. Therefore Ajay was going to inform the club in India that we could not be the "international" sponsor for the grant, but we would still donate cash to the project.

INFORMATION FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:

CHESLEY R. PERRY: ROTARY'S FIRST GENERAL SECRETARY



Chesley Reynolds Perry, a Spanish-American War veteran and former Chicago Public Library employee, served as Rotary's first secretary and is known as "the builder of Rotary International."