

Weaver from Colorado, 1942-43 RI Director Fred Haas from Nebraska, and 1935-36 RI President Ed Johnson.

Around the time of his appointment, Johnson sent a letter to other past presidents sharing his vision for a building for Rotary in Evanston, a suburb north of Chicago and near the campus of Northwestern University. He appealed to the financial sensibilities of ownership and to the sentimental opportunity to dedicate a building to Paul Harris, Rotary's founder. He also proposed that sponsoring the building could become an objective of The Rotary Foundation, which at the time had no regular programs.

The 1944 convention delegates approved expanding the headquarters search beyond Chicago. Thirty clubs expressed interested in having the headquarters located in or near their cities. Committee members visited seven of the cities and ultimately recommended Denver, Colorado, USA, as the site for headquarters.

The recommendation surprised members and the Chicago community. The group representing Chicago met with the Board and highlighted the city's status as a financial and transportation center accessible by rail and air. Representatives also reinforced the connection between Rotary and the city, noting that "Chicago business and civic leaders have a justifiable pride centered in the fact that Rotary is an offspring of Chicago."

Proposals to relocate to Denver were debated at length and finally rejected at the 1946 and 1947 conventions.

#### **Making Evanston home**

In January 1952, the Board decided to "immediately and energetically" begin looking for land or a building in Chicago or the vicinity. That August, a lot was purchased in Evanston. The November issue of The Rotarian (as Rotary magazine was then known) previewed sketches and details of the new three-story building, which was distinguished by a large granite staircase, monolithic columns, and angled building wings. Inside the building were modern systems and features, including an acoustic ceiling treatment and air conditioning.

Rotary leaders gathered at 1600 Ridge Avenue for a groundbreaking ceremony in 1953, and the building opened in August of the following year. In that first month, 250 Rotary members and friends visited to see it for themselves.

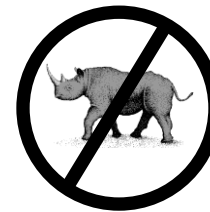
Despite initial room to grow and a later addition, Rotary eventually outgrew that space. In 1987, Rotary purchased the building on Sherman Avenue in Evanston from Baxter Travenol Laboratories. Known today as One Rotary Center, that building is still home to Rotary International World Headquarters and welcomes more than 2,000 visitors a year.

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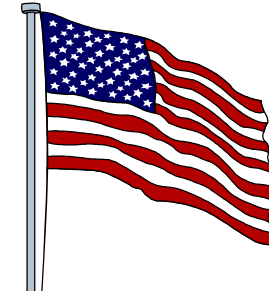
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#### ROTARY PRAYER

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***

November 20 ----- Jeani Secord ~ Wichita County Sheriff's Department  
November 27 ----- No Meeting (Thanksgiving)  
December 3 ----- Rotary North Christmas Party (Tentative)  
December 4 ----- Troy Secord  
December 11 ----- Tom Sheriff  
December 18 ----- Gary Southard  
December 25 ----- No Meeting ~ Christmas Day  
January 1 ----- No Meeting ~ New Year's Day  
January 8 ----- Phil Waggoner  
January 15 ----- Tom Cale  
January 22 ----- David Collins  
January 29 ----- Mike Crocker

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### ***NEWS FROM OUR LAST "VIRTUAL" MEETING:***

President Clint led the club in the Rotary invocation. Since it is nearly impossible to do a good job of the invocation and pledges virtually, it was decided to have one person do the invocation and pledges for everyone. Mike presented the American and Texas pledges.

Guests attending - Capt. Htein Lin from our Adopted squadron

Larry mentioned that Ajay let him know he's quarantined. Hopefully he doesn't have COVID.

President Clint announced that Lisa's club anniversary is on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Board meeting on Wednesday November 18<sup>th</sup>. It will be virtual.

Joel Jimenez from the DAV Chapter 41 was our guest speaker. He spoke on keeping up with your discharge papers and how important they are. He also spoke on the VA System, its benefits and medical assistance.

***SPECIAL NOTE:*** I received word from Debbie Pineau that her husband Roy had passed away early on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. He had been having some heart problems and then both Roy and Debbie came down with the covid-19 virus. Roy passed away due to complications from the virus. Roy was a past member and past president of our Rotary Club. At

this time, I don't have any information about services for Roy. Debbie under two weeks quarantine at this time.

Roy was a big help to me when I was the District Governor. During that time, Roy was the Webmaster for our district. He took over that position as he first joined the club. He always thought it was unusual that he held a district position before he had his blue badge! Roy will be missed. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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## ***NEWS FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:***

### **ROTARY HISTORY**

#### *A Home for Headquarters*

The idea that Rotary should own its headquarters dates back at least to the 1920 convention, when Albert Adams, 1919-20 Rotary president, told attendees that he hoped to someday see the headquarters in a beautiful building of Rotary's own.

"It sounds like a dream, doesn't it?" he said. "But it can be done."

Rotary's worldwide presence, and the number of secretariat staff members working to support it, would grow considerably by the time the idea became a reality in the 1950s.

#### **The Chicago years**

The National Association of Rotary Clubs — now Rotary International — formed in 1910 and had its headquarters in the Chicago, Illinois, USA, office of its secretary, Chesley R. Perry. In March 1911, Rotary's headquarters moved to rented space in the First National Bank Building, one of many downtown Chicago rentals.

In 1914, Rotary set up its headquarters in the Karpen Building on South Michigan Avenue. During its nine years there, the staff grew to 78 people, and Rotary expanded beyond North America and Europe to Asia, South America, Africa, and Oceania. Citing increasing rent after World War I, Rotary moved to the Atwell Building in 1923, then to several more buildings after that.

After so many moves, some Rotary leaders began to call for a world headquarters that RI itself would own. Delegates at the 1921 convention attempted to pass a resolution to purchase a site for a building of Rotary's own, but they were unsuccessful. The 1928 convention delegates adopted a similar resolution, which had two notable conditions: There would be no increase in the per capita tax or assessment on clubs, and the site was to be in Chicago. A committee was formed and potential locations identified, but the Depression and the U.S. entry into World War II delayed any further action.

#### **The search begins**

Finally, in 1943, the debate over sites got underway when the RI Board appointed a headquarters committee consisting of 1939-40 RI Director Roy