

# Rotary Beginnings

**Rotary**



**Service  
Above Self**

Rotary International  
Founded in 1905, Chicago  
by Paul Harris





Gustavus Loehr Mining Engineer

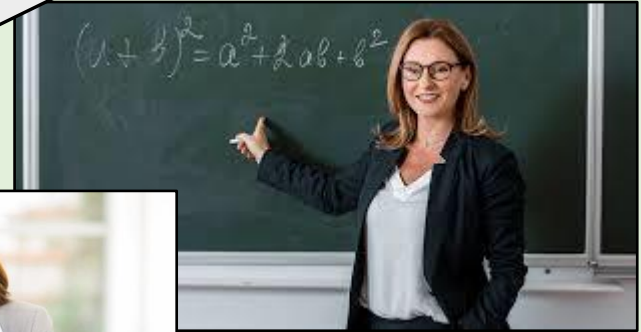
Silvester Schiele Coal Merchant

Hiram Shorey Merchant Tailor

Paul P. Harris Lawyer



# Classifications

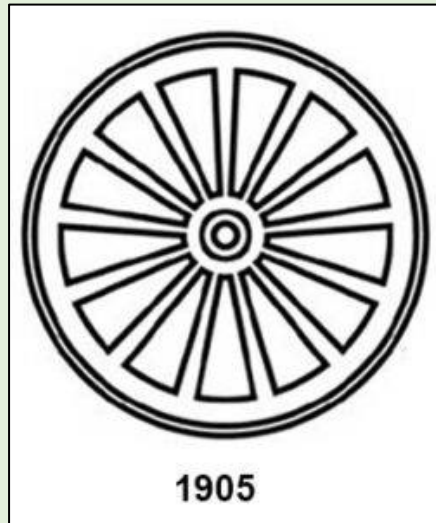
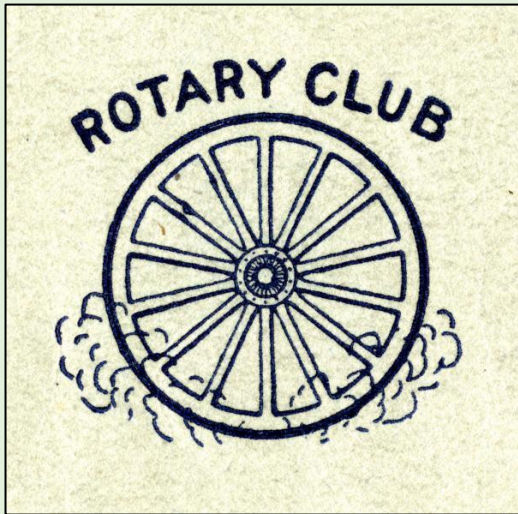


# Rotary's Name and Logo

1905 - Rotary Club of Chicago

1912 - The International Association of Rotary Clubs

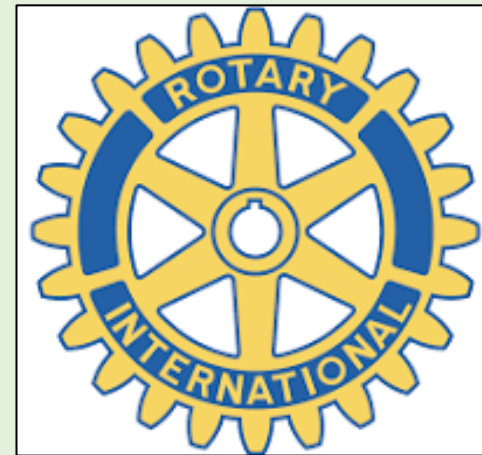
1922 - Rotary International



1905



1910

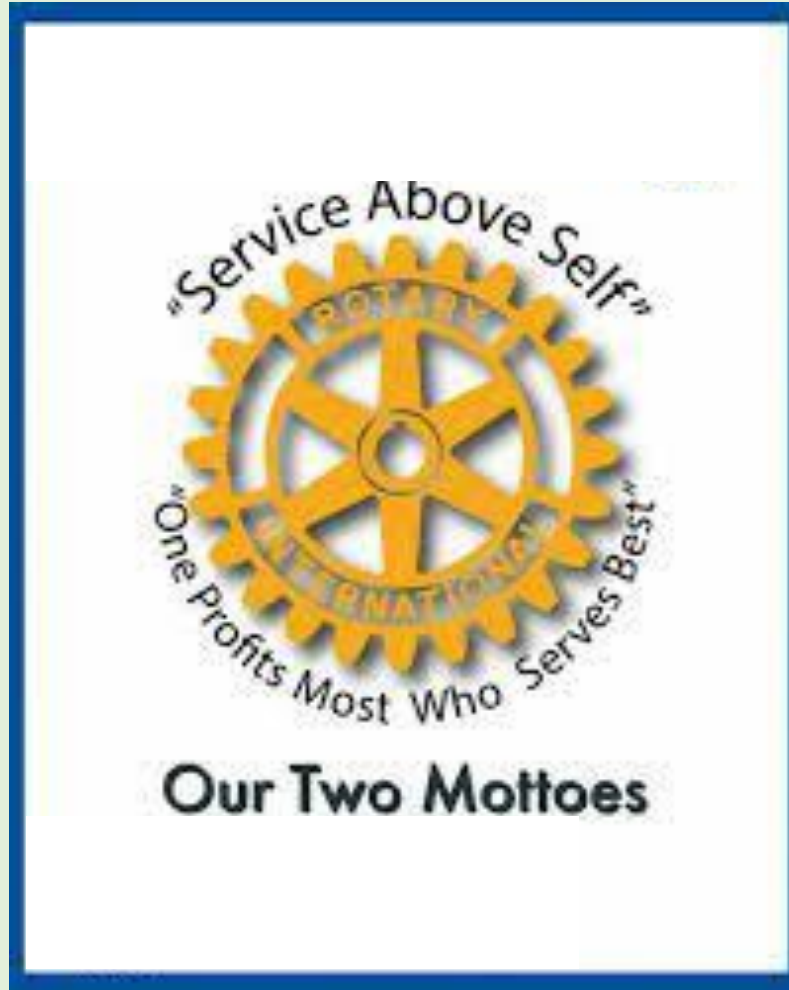


1923



2013

# Two Rotary Mottos



# 1907 - First Community Service Project

Public Comfort Station in Chicago City Hall



# The Rotary Foundation

Est. 1928 by Arch C. Klumph

*"To do good in the world."*

First Donation     \$26.50

Matching Grants for District and Global Grants

Total Grants FY 2023 - \$ 98,000,000







1943



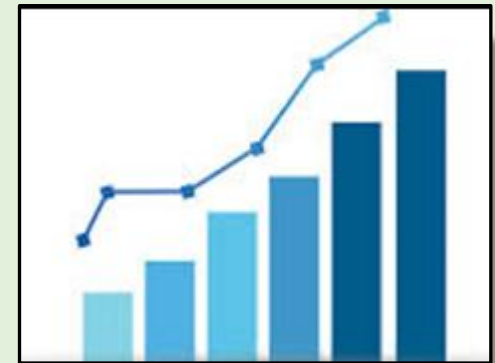
Herbert J. Taylor - Chicago Rotary Club

# Rotary Grew Quickly

- 1908 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Rotary Club - San Francisco
- 1911 – Philadelphia
- 1912 – Winnipeg, Canada      1916 – Havana, Cuba
- 1931 - Six Countries
- 2024 - 200 Nations and Territories

36,000 Clubs

1,500,000 Members



# Women Join Rotary

1977 to 1986 - Duarte Rotary Club sues Rotary International  
US Supreme Court vote: Seven in favor and two abstentions

Percentage of Women in Rotary

District 7450 >40%

International >20% (Goal: 30% by 2025)



Dr. Sylvia Whitlock

# Rotary and the United Nations

1945 - Rotary guided 50 nations in chartering the United Nations



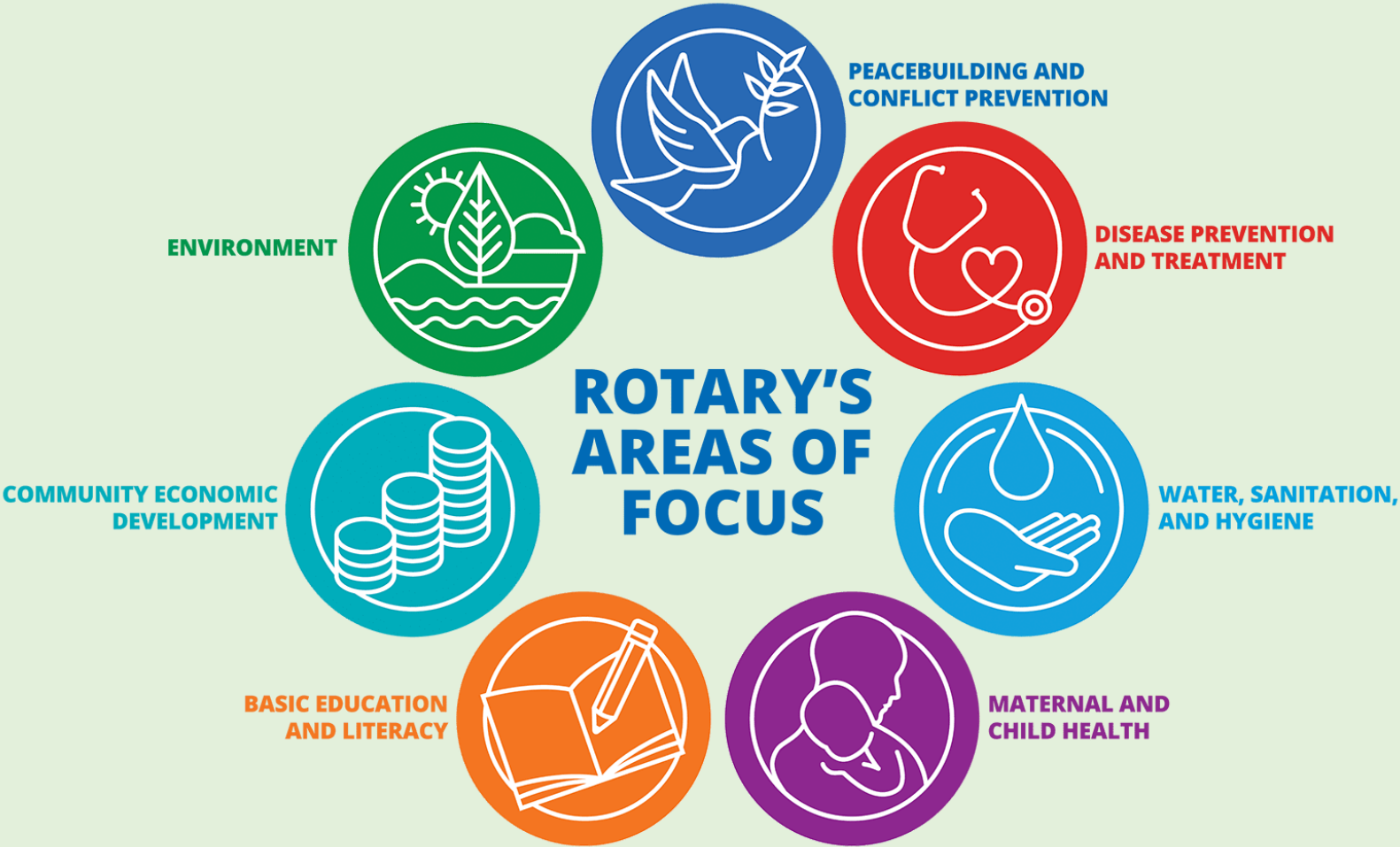
Rotary holds a permanent advisory seat in the UN



1985 Rotary created PolioPlus.  
UNICEF joined Rotary to eradicate polio.

Rotary's Contribution: \$2,100,000,000

# Seven Areas of Focus



# Rotary Headquarters - Evanston, IL

32 Zones / 535 Districts/ 36,000 Clubs

*District 7430*



*You are here*



# District Committees

Youth Exchange

Rotaract and Interact

Rotaplast International

Shelter Box

Supporting the Environment

Literacy

Public Image

Membership





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