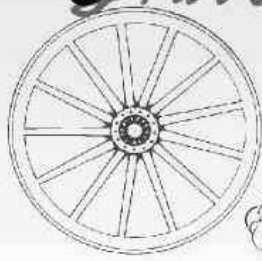
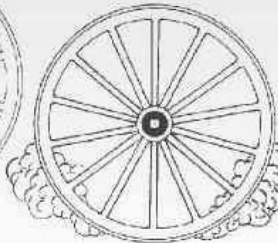


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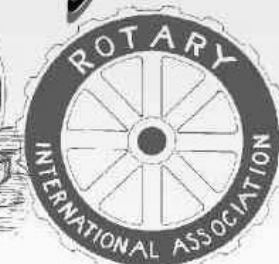
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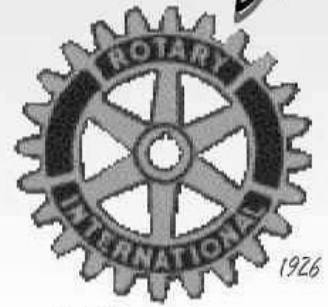
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PHOTO: Restaurants and gift shops line the banks of the San Antonio River as a small sight-seeing boat slowly circles the historic area. Events on both Saturday and Monday evenings will bring most Rotarians to this popular part of the city. Many of the convention hotels are on the river.

RHHIF meets during San Antonio International Convention in June

A meeting notice in the RHHIF Booth in the House of Friendship will announce location and confirm date (Tuesday June 26) and time (1:30) for this fellowship's Annual General Meeting. Please attend this important annual gathering.

In this double issue:

- Editor: Webmaster Wanted!
- Roy Troutt: "Two New Branches"
- Norm Kloker: "Our fellowship history"
- David Holland: "The good old days..."
- Jack Mayo: "Rotary's Texas Heritage"
- Melanie Martin: "Hall of Fame Policy"

Roy Troutt announces Branch Managers for South Asia, Europe & the Middle East

[Past R. I. Director Roy Troutt chairs this Fellowship]

Like the Rotary movement itself, the Rotary Heritage and History International Fellowship consists of volunteers. It was a pleasure to receive offers from 2 members to serve as Branch Managers for their geographic areas.

Anil Ghai manages membership development and membership service efforts in South Asia (India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka) and **David Neumann** is our manager for Europe and the Middle East.

I ask RHHIF members to help all branch managers, fellowship officers and directors recruit additional members. Each club's Historian or Archivist should be a member of this fellowship.

In Memoriam

our Treasurer

PDG Mimi Altman

Died March 22, 2001

Norm Kloker remembers:

“Our fellowship history”

[PDG Norman F. Kloker was President of Rotary Club One 1985-86, Governor of Rotary District 6450 1989-90, Chairman of RI's 75th Anniversary Convention Landmark Committee, and was Co-Founder of the Paul Harris 711 Club of which he is Past President and Life Director. Also a director of the Paul Harris Memorial Committee, Norm was the Founding Chairman of this Fellowship, and he has been recognized by our Rotary Heritage and History Hall of Fame for his more than 60 years of service to Rotary .]

Preceding and relevant to the organization of the *Rotary Heritage and History International Fellowship*, there were two committees, both dedicated to the conservation and preservation of a historical site, the place where Rotary was born on February 23, 1905. The first committee to be organized was the *Landmark Committee* and later *The Paul Harris 711 Club*.

The *Landmark Committee* was a subcommittee of the *Chicago Host Clubs Committee* for the 75th Anniversary Rotary Convention. It was organized to function before the Convention under the direction of Norman F. Kloker and these additional Rotary One members: Virgil Peterson, John Nordberg, Norman A. Parker, Les Christensen, Mitchell P. Davis, Jack O. Hedrick, Wilson Connell, John Sohl, William B. Weiss, Arthur R. Rodstrom, Inar C. Hillman, and Horace C. Moses, Jr.

The mission of the *Landmark Committee* was to offer Rotarians and their families, from all over the world, the opportunity to visit the birthplace of Rotary when they came to Chicago to attend the Rotary International Convention in 1980.

The responsibility of the Landmark Committee was to research the likely 1905 appearance of Room 711 in the Unity Building located at 127 North Dearborn Street in Chicago, Illinois USA and to reconstruct interior walls, woodwork, ceiling and furnish it as if it was again the 1905 office of Gustavus E. Loehr. Room 711 was the place where Paul P. Harris, a lawyer, first presented his idea of a businessmen's club to three friends: Mining Engineer Gustavus E. Loehr, Coal Dealer Silvester Schiele, and Tailor Hiram Shorey. The idea that became known as Rotary.

Room 711 was leased effective January 1, 1980 with restoration to be completed by February 23, 1980, the anniversary day of the founding of Rotary. Attending the opening of the completely reconstructed room was: Ruby Carnahan, widow of 1906 Rotary One member and star of an audiovisual presentation about the heritage and history of Rotary. Rotarians from Des Moines, Iowa area (the University of Iowa Law School is Paul Harris' alma mater), from the Racine, Wisconsin area (birthplace of Paul Harris), from the greater Chicago area including Evanston, Illinois, site of the Rotary International Headquarters. Personnel from R.I. Included: Past General Secretary Harry A. Stewart, then current General Secretary Herbert A. Pigman, and many District Governors. R. I. President Jim Bomar and many incumbent Directors were unable to be present February 23 but visited the site prior to the dedication. At a luncheon following the dedication, Ruby Carnahan spoke warmly of the early days of Rotary and in a personal audiovisual presentation. This multi-projector slide presentation was also projected daily, on a large screen, at the McCormick Place Convention Hall. During the convention this attracted nearly 5000 Rotarians and guests to visit Room 711.

After the 1980 international convention the Host Clubs *Landmark Committee* no longer had funds to continue maintaining Room 711, this special place in Rotary history. Therefore on November 15, 1983 the following Rotary One members and their wives furnished the seed money and assumed the responsibility of renting and maintaining Room 711 and organized the *Paul Harris 711 Club*: Mr. & Mrs. Max S. Bloom, Mr. & Mrs. Donald W. Bruechett, Mr. & Mrs. L. N. Christensen, Mr. & Mrs. Jack H. Cornelius, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon E. Crofoot, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony A. Digrazia, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Gordon, Mr. & Mrs. Norman F. Kloker, Mr. & Mrs. Rochard S. Lopara, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Maxwell, Mr. & Mrs. Horace C. Moses, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Norman A. Parker, Mr. & Mrs. John Sohl, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony J. Rudis, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph A. Sello.

The mission of the *Paul Harris 711 Club* (Foundation) was to obtain the funds necessary to rent and maintain Room 711, the place where Rotary was born, and later to move Room 711.

After several years of receiving funds and greeting Rotarians from around the world the *Paul Harris 711 Club* was facing the fact that the city of Chicago was about to demolish the Unity Building.

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Memorandum

April, 2001

To: All members of the Rotary Heritage & History International Fellowship
From: Newsletter Editor & Publisher
Subject: Converting the fellowship's newsletter to a www Home Page

If you have access to the world wide web, you already know that it is a faster and cheaper way to communicate than putting ink on paper and mailing paper around the world.

Increasing costs of printing, envelopes, address label maintenance and affixing, plus the cost of international postage make it nearly impossible to produce and distribute a traditional newsletter for a fellowship with members in nearly every nation on earth. This effort also requires an unbelievable number of volunteer hours. And when Rotarians are busy on other projects, the typing, folding, enveloping, and stamp-sticking obviously becomes a burden on the editor's wife and children.

Therefore, I make the suggestion that RHHIF recruit a volunteer Webmaster and that an RHHIF homepage on the world wide web take the place of this newsletter.

Your current editor/publisher hereby volunteers to continue researching, compiling, and writing the information about this fellowship and its members and their activities. What I wish to change is to eliminate page layout, printing, folding, envelope-stuffing and postage sticking by simply turning my articles over to a computer-literate Rotarian who volunteers to post my (emailed) items on a website.

How does this affect the Heritage & History Fellowship?

- ◆ Content: Photos, articles, hall of fame and membership coupons, and virtually all aspects of the current newsletter could be displayed on a series of computer pages (screen-views). There is no reason for content to suffer.
- ◆ Timeliness: Information can be posted on the web any time rather than waiting for the next seasonal edition to be printed. Email could alert members to new announcements on the web site. Timeliness gains.
- ◆ Distribution: Current printing and postage costs consume current dues. Renting space on the world wide web is cheaper. If a Rotarian serves as a volunteer webmaster (your newsletter editor is obviously an unpaid volunteer) and if rotary.org provides a page to each fellowship there would be little if any cost to RHHIF.

How does this affect you?

- ◆ Can you access websites? If you are in the habit of reading Rotary.org or FrankDevlyn.org you might soon find our "link" on the RI Fellowships page of both of those sites, or you might surf directly to our page.
- ◆ If you can not personally access the internet, does your Rotary Club have someone monitoring RI and district websites who might add the RHHIF home page to their check list?
- ◆ PLEASE take a moment to complete the back side of this memorandum and send me that report of your computer capabilities so we will know whether you would be adequately served by news posted on a website. If so, give me your email address and I will send you an email message detailing when and how to take a look at our new web site.

Jack Mayo, Editor/Publisher

Website Newsletter! Please return the survey on page 4 so we will know if you can read our website. To view our temporary home page, go to **<http://welcome.to/rhhif/>**

Memorandum

To: Newsletter Editor & Publisher

Subject: Converting the fellowship's newsletter to a www home page

From: My Name is _____

My Rotary Club is _____

My email address is _____

My RHHIF membership is paid through 30 June of _____

[_____] I have access to the world wide web and I realize I would get more information sooner if it were posted on a web site rather than printed and mailed.

[_____] I want to help. I volunteer to download hard copies for Rotarians who are unable to access the website. I am willing to mail hard copies to RHHIF members with postal addresses in this geographic area: _____

[_____] I want to help. I volunteer to be RHHIF Webmaster for _____ language.

[_____] I do not access the world wide web. If RHHIF switches to a website...

[_____] I will find someone to download the information for me.

[_____] I want RHHIF to mail a newsletter to me.

[_____] My message to the editor/publisher is: _____

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The good old days are now...and then

David J. Holland, The Rotary Club of Elyria Ohio

Your Rotary club has a long-term civic project, which the community recognizes as the major contribution of any service club in the area. Or, you have an especially successful fund raising event, the envy of other service clubs. And, your club seems to induct as new members the most influential people in town. Congratulations! Keep up the good work.

But, how did that fundraiser come about? When did it start? Who thought of the idea? What motivated your club to take on that civic project? Did it start small and grow? What is the appeal of your club that you have no difficulty inducting and retaining quality members?

Maybe the answers to those questions and more should be researched and recorded in a club history. If you already have a written chronicle of the past, it might need to be up-dated. Perhaps your club has had an historian, or more than one, who made an effort to gather material but never quite put it all together. It's time to do something about all that.

Where do you begin? Collect every piece of information available from the club's past. You will need previously written histories, a complete set of your club bulletins, membership rosters, event programs, board minutes, financial statements, photographs, and memorabilia. Establish an archive!

The source of most of the material you will need can be had from past presidents, treasurers, and secretaries. Presidents have a file box full of their year. Secretaries pass along files to their successor. Treasurers are noted for not discarding even the most trivial piece of paper. It's there. Just ask for it!

At the onset of all this you will need the membership to know of the project. Establish a club history committee. Make announcements to the club requesting material from the past. Invite interested members to join the committee. You will need a secure location for the archive. You will need an editor, a person in your club adept with a computer and willing to spend the time to consolidate into a readable package the history as it is being written.

Fine you say, but who is going to do the research and writing? Probably yourself. If not you, the person that has written your bulletin for a long time. Or maybe a combination of chapters by different members. Any way to get it going and keep up the enthusiasm. Once the project has begun keep it moving to a conclusion. Don't end up with another ten or fifteen page unfinished essay.

Try this to get your club history project in motion. Do a one page, three-hundred word brief history of your club from charter date to the present. Have the page included in your news releases, club bulletin, and any event programs. The page will be a seed, which will grow into a rewarding and permanent record of your successful Rotary club.

You know the old jokes about committees, no need to repeat them here. To get your club history written and printed will be because of the effort of one person. YOU. Do have board approval, a committee, a small budget, but most of all, just jump in and get going. This could be the most gratifying contribution of your Rotary membership.

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Additional reading: *To look ahead...look back* : THE ROTARIAN July 1995. Reprints may be available from the magazine archive.

Hall of Fame Fee Policy

Both the person making the nomination and the person being nominated must be RHHIF members not just Rotarians. There is a \$20 fee for nominating a Hall of Famer. Therefore, if both are already RHHIF members, the fee totals \$20, whereas if neither is an RHHIF member, the fee would total \$60. Each pays RHHIF's annual dues thereafter to remain active members of this Fellowship. Questions? Phone Melanie Martin 804-985-4116 (Virginia, USA).

Rotary Heritage & History Hall of Fame Nomination Form

I _____ (signed) nominate the following Rotarian, who has served Rotary for 50 years or more, for induction into the Rotary Heritage and History International Fellowship Hall of Fame. The nominee's name is:

Address _____
 City _____
 State/Province _____
 Country _____
 Nominee is a member of the Rotary Club of _____

If other clubs are included in continuous service, please attach a list of clubs and dates.

Nominator's name (printed) is:

Address _____
 City _____
 State/Province _____
 Country _____
 Member in good standing of Rotary Club of _____

Send framed certificate to my address.
 If a Rotarian other than myself is to present the certificate, their address is attached.

If the nominee is not a member of the Rotary Heritage and History International Fellowship, enclose US\$20 per fiscal year for a minimum of two years (circled):

2001-2002	2003-2004	2005-2006
2002-2003	2004-2005	2006-2007

If the nominator is not a Heritage and History International Fellowship member enclose \$20 per year for a minimum of two years (circled):

2001-2000	2003-2004	2005-2006
2002-2003	2004-2005	2006-2007

[Check fee examples in box at left]
Return this NOMINATION form to:
RHHIF Hall of Fame Manager

Melanie Martin

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COUNT ME IN!

Rotary Heritage & History International Fellowship membership form.

I (signed) Rotarian _____ would like to become a member of the Rotary Heritage and History International Fellowship and participate in its objective – to advocate and promote the collection of Rotary heritage and encourage similar activity by others devoted to the preservation, growth and appreciation of the service club movement; keep alive the fellowship and mutual friendships created by Harris, Schiele, Shorey and Loehr who first met in Room 711 of Chicago's Unity Building on February 23, 1905; and, exchange information about Rotary club, district and international heritage and history through the fellowship's publication **SHARE ROTARY HERITAGE & HISTORY**.

Name (printed) _____ Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Country _____ Member in good standing of Rotary Club of _____

Enclose dues = US\$20 per year circled (\$100 = 6 years) 2001-2002 2002-2003 2003-2004 2004-2005 2005-2006 2006-2007

NOTICE: Until a new Treasurer is elected during the Annual General Meeting in San Antonio, dues may be mailed to this newsletter's editor-publisher: Jack Mayo, PMB-164, 3300 Bee Caves Rd Suite 650, Austin, TX 78746 USA



San Antonio's famous **Alamodome** is large enough for all plenary sessions — even the spectacular Opening Ceremony on Sunday afternoon. And it's just a short 5 minute stroll from the Convention Center where we will find Rotary's House of Friendship, Exhibit Hall, and all the other convention activities.

The heritage & history of Rotary in

Texas

Your editor looked for a chronology of club charter dates — if you could send us one, we'd be much obliged. Lacking such a list, we turned numerous Official Directory pages and suggest that the first Rotary Club in the state of Texas received its charter in 1912, and the club's name is either Dallas, Houston or San Antonio (only the year, not the month and date are shown in RI's Official Directory) with Austin, Beaumont, Galveston, Fort Worth, and Waco chartered the following year.

San Antonio Rotarian Herbert J. Hayes is listed as a 1912-1914 member of the R. I. Board (back then, he would have been a director of the International Association of Rotary Clubs.) Houston Rotarian Robert H. Comell served on the board 1914-1916. San Antonio Rotarian Harry H. Rogers is the first Texan listed in the early presidents section of Rotary Founder Paul Harris' autobiographical *My Road to Rotary*. Rogers presided 1926-1927.

The only other Texan to reach Rotary's top office was 60-61 President J. Edd McLaughlin from the Rotary Club of Ralls, Texas.

Houston hosted Rotary's 1914 convention, and had a second turn in 1972. Dallas hosted 2 conventions in the interim: 1929 and 1958, and a third in 1982. This is the first Rotary International Convention to be held in San Antonio.

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Fellowship History (from page 2)

Locating a place to rebuild Room 711 was unsuccessful. Before demolition began the **711 Club** arranged to remove all of the marble entrance, glass, woodwork, and some of the furniture and put it in storage. Gus Loehr's desk, a file and some of the pictures from the walls were moved into the office of the Rotary Club of Chicago—New Chicago, located in the Midland Building, near the building being demolished and near the club's meeting place.

After their meeting and whenever called upon, New Chicago Club members escorted visiting Rotarians to their club office to see the Mining Engineer's desk. After considerable time spent searching for an appropriate space to rebuild Room 711 and move the furniture, the Board of Directors of Rotary International agreed to furnish space for the **711 Club** to reconstruct Room 711 at One Rotary Center.

The room originally preserved and remodeled by the **Landmark Committee**, later maintained and reconstructed by the **711 Club**, was then made available to more Rotarians than ever before. RI President Bill Huntley cut the ribbon at rededication ceremonies 29 October 1994. **Paul Harris 711 Club** Past President Norm Kloker presented Huntley with a replica of the original key to Room 711.

President Huntley told the group, "There can never be another occasion such as this in Rotary history, to rededicate this room. We can applaud the vision of the members of the **711 Club** who had this idea of preservation. It is with great pleasure that I, as President of Rotary International and on behalf of all Rotarians, accept the care and maintenance responsibility from the **711 Club** — and I have the key to open it for you all."

Throughout the 1997-98 Rotary year, directors of the **Paul Harris 711 Club** and directors of the **Memorial**

Committee, another Chicago-based preservation organization, discussed the creation of an organization that would recognize all Rotary historical sites throughout the world. They decided that it would be effective if it were a Fellowship of Rotarians dedicated to the conservation, preservation and sharing of Rotary heritage and history.

Fifty seven Rotarians from the **711 Club** and the **Memorial Committee** held a meeting during the 1988 RI Convention in Philadelphia resulting in establishment of the Rotary Heritage and History International Fellowship with the **711 Club** and the **Memorial Committee** as affiliate members of the fellowship. The 57 Rotarians became the first individual members of the fellowship. The **Memorial Committee** is custodian of the burial sites of Rotary founder Harris and first club president Schiele and the Monument and Presidential Walkway they constructed at Mount Hope Cemetery.

The mission of Heritage and History International Fellowship is to enjoy fellowship with Rotarians who are dedicated to the conservation, preservation and sharing of Rotary heritage and history.

The first issue of the fellowship's publication *Share Rotary Heritage and History* was issued May 1989. RHHIF has published at least one issue per year since that time. Most issues were edited and published by RHHIF Director Stanley T. Tulak. Having served as Editor for his Rotary Club of Madison Heights, Michigan, Stan was an experienced editor and publisher. A Rotarian since 1957, he had 40 years perfect attendance. He served as president of his club and governor of his district. Stan received a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 1957 and practiced dentistry in Madison Heights until 1964 when he moved his practice to nearby Warren, Michigan where he practiced until his retirement in 1994.

July 29, 1996 was the first annual meeting of the fellowship's charter directors other than at RI conventions. It was held at One Rotary Center in Evanston. RHHIF original directors attending that meeting were: Japan Branch Manager Tadao Tomiyama, Advisory member Wilmon White, Korea Branch Manager Hyun Bang, Stanley Tulak, Ryoichi Takeyama, Donald Knapp and Founder/Director Norman F. Kloker. Anthony Rudis, Robert Lecicrone, and Mexico Branch Manager Jose Alfredo Sepulveda were absent.

The RHHIF Hall of Fame was established to recognize RHHIF members who have served Rotary for 50 years or more. By December 1997, over 150 Rotarians had been recognized. In July 1998 RHHIF member Mike Gallagher turned 98 years of age and had spent 74 years as a Rotarian. A past governor of D-5390 and past president of the Billings Montana Rotary Club, Mike was believed to hold the Rotary longevity record for longest continuous membership. A Paul Harris Fellow, Mike had been a Charter Member of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, in 1922.

In 1992 RHHIF created eight 40" x 50" displays for use in convention exhibits. These displays included photographs and information concerning: the Racine Wisconsin birthplace of Paul Harris and his early life in Waterford, Vermont including the little red school house he attended, the Chicago house he and his wife Jean called "Comely Bank," the history of Room 711, the history of the Rotary Foundation and its founder, 1916 International President Arch Klumpf, Rotary-on-Postage-Stamps, and the official framed register of RHHIF's Hall of Fame. This display was first exhibited at the 1992 RI Convention in Orlando, Florida, USA.

Further information about this fellowship appears in *Rotarian* magazines dated: 1985, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1995 and 1996.