



Rotary Club of Steveston Weekly Synopsis

Every Tuesday 7.00 a.m. at the Steveston Hotel 12111-3rd Avenue

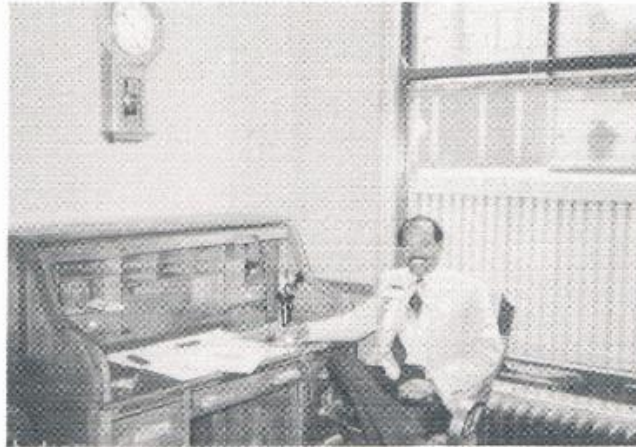
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Meeting of February 1, 2011

This month in Rotary: 103rd anniversary and World Understanding Month

Our Founder Paul Harris



Wilbur Walrond seated at Paul Harris' desk in Chicago. 1980

Paul P. Harris was born in Racine, Wisconsin, April 19th, 1868. He graduated from the University of Vermont and later received his LLB degree from the University of Iowa.

He worked as a newspaper reporter, a cowboy, and as a salesman for a marble and granite concern in the USA and Europe. In 1896, Paul Harris opened his law practice in Chicago.

After dinner with a lawyer friend, Paul Harris was impressed that his friend stopped at several stores and shops, introducing him to the proprietors. Paul resolved to organize a club which would band together representative business and professional men in friendship and fellowship. He talked it over with three of his law clients and they decided to organize the club he had been planning. On February 23th, 1905, they held the first club meeting and named the club "Rotary" because the members met in rotation among their places of business.

Paul Harris was president of the Rotary Club of Chicago when the second club was formed in San Francisco in 1908. By 1910, the 16 Rotary Clubs decided to form the National Association of Rotary Clubs, in order to extend the movement and to serve as a clearing house for the exchange of ideas. In recognition of clubs in Canada and Great Britain, the name was changed in 1912 to "Rotary International". Paul Harris was named the first president of the National Association, and was named President Emeritus until his death.

His last anniversary message included these striking words: "I would like to think that the pioneering days of Rotary have only just begun. There are just as many new things to be done as ever there were. Rotary must certainly continue to pioneer or be left in the rear of progress."

...President Emeritus Paul P. Harris, 1947



The above picture was taken in 1980 in Room 711 in Rotary's Headquarters on Dearborn St Chicago. (See photo left) Nine years later that room was dismantled and restored in RI new building which it owns – One Rotary Centre!



On the evening of 23 February 1905, [Paul Harris](#) (19 April 1868 - 27 January 1947) invited three friends to a meeting. ²[Hiram Shorey](#), (next to Harris) (29 August 1862 - 29 March 1944) a merchant tailor, and ³[Gustavus Loehr](#), (far left) (1864 - 23 May 1918) a mining engineer.

They had gathered with Harris in Loehr's business office in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago on Dearborn Avenue.⁴

[Rotary International](#) on Facebook

During the first Rotary club meeting on 23 February 1905 in Chicago, Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Hiram Shorey, and Silvester Schiele met to talk about their personal experiences. Harris then unfolded his general plan for their club meetings.

This was the simple beginning of the world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago. It was created because of Harris' wish to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The Rotary name derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Rotarians continue to take pride in their history. In honor of that first club, Rotarians have preserved its original meeting place, Room 711 in Chicago's Unity Building, by re-creating the office as it existed in 1905. For several years, the Paul Harris 711 Club maintained the room as a shrine for visiting Rotarians. In 1989, when the building was scheduled to be demolished, the club carefully dismantled the office and salvaged the interior, including doors and radiators. In 1993, the RI Board of Directors set aside a permanent home for the restored Room 711 at RI World Headquarters in the Chicago suburb of Evanston.

For more historical information about Rotary, visit [Rotary History and Archives](#) or the [Rotary Global History Fellowship](#).

Charter Night

Speaking about Rotary History, here is a brief clip of our Charter Night a short 10 years ago! See if you recognize anyone you know today!

<http://picasaweb.google.com/walrond1938/RotaryCubOfStevestonCharterNightJune62001#>

How does a Rotary Club become Chartered?

Surveyor's evaluation: A surveyor / Rotarian appointed by the District Governor surveys and verifies that the community is found to be suitable for the formation of a new Rotary club.

Usually a couple of senior members of the Sponsor Club will invite suitable candidates from the community and form a provisional Club and meetings are held during the course of the Rotary year. A minimum of 20 members is required for a provisional club.

After the payment of a charter fee of \$15 US to RI membership in RI is applied for and the Club confirms that it:

1. Will abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of RI
2. Has adopted the Standard Rotary Club Constitution prescribed by RI as the club's constitution and will abide by its provisions.
3. Will always have bylaws that are in harmony with the constitutional documents of RI, including the Standard Rotary Club Constitution.
4. Will not become a member of, or assume obligations of membership in, any organization other than RI.
5. Shall maintain the obligations of a member club in RI and be subject to the jurisdiction of RI

The signatures of the president and secretary of this provisional club attest to the club being organized in accordance with the constitutional documents and policies of RI and that the information in the application is accurate.

Orientation, Education and Requirements

☐ All members of the provisional Rotary club must have participated in an appropriate orientation and education program under the guidance of district leaders and members of the sponsoring Rotary club.

☐☐ The club has set an appropriate admission fee (at least US\$15) and club per capita dues amount.

☐☐ The club has a well-balanced membership in compliance with the guidelines set forth in Article 5, Section 2 of the RI Constitution, which states in part: "Each club shall have a well-balanced membership in which no one business, profession, or type of community service predominates. The club shall not elect a person to active membership from a classification if the club already has five or more members from that classification, unless the club has more than 50 members, in which case the club may elect a person to active membership in a classification so long as it will not result in the classification making up more than 10 percent of the club's active membership."

How did the RC of Steveston become chartered?

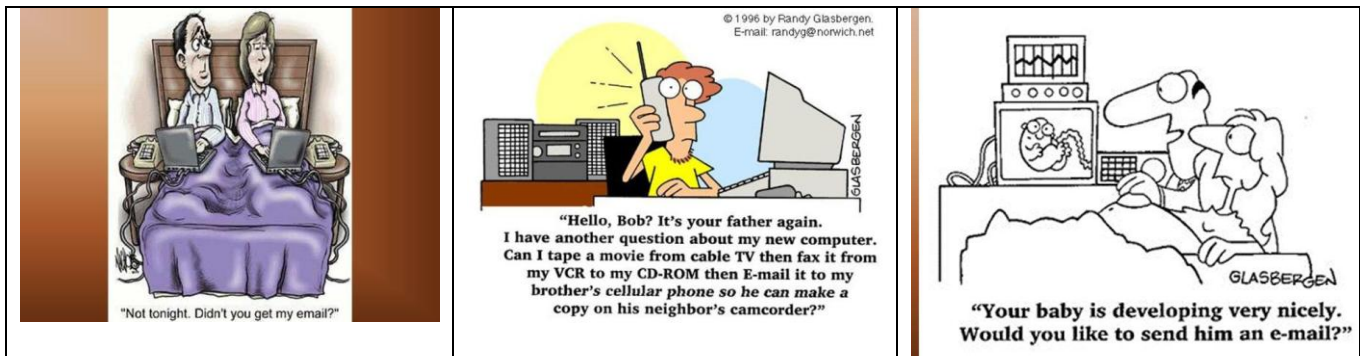
The Rotary Club of Richmond was the first Club in Richmond having been chartered on April 23, 1962 after being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Vancouver South.

The Richmond Sunrise Club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Richmond under the guidance of a few of its Rotary members like the late Milton Vint and Alan Plausteiner, was chartered on May 4, 1988. The Charter President was Bill McNulty.

As Richmond continued to grow and the need for a third Club arose, the Rotary Club of Richmond Sunset was chartered on May 21, 1998 under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Richmond and the Rotary Club of Richmond Sunrise.

Later as Steveston began to grow in population and stature, the Rotary Clubs of Vancouver Chinatown and Vancouver South, saw fit to support the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Steveston under the stewardship of RC Sunrise members such as Bill McNulty, Bob Ransford, Dave Bradley, Arnold Walter and Bob Jones.

On April 5, 2001 the Rotary Club of Steveston was officially chartered under the Charter presidency of David Bradley, with Bob Butterworth as President Elect and Bill McNulty as Vocational Service Director, with the latter recently completing a year as President. As we now know – the rest is history.



Today's special guests were Joan and Charlie Haws who insist on pleasantly surprising us quite regularly.



Guest Speaker



Today we were brought up to date on the new Army and Navy Steveston 284 Housing Society Project currently under construction at Chatham St and No 1 Road, thanks to our Guest Speaker Richard Peddie Phd. The project hit some financial hard times a few years ago when the first attempts were made to develop the site.

Thanks to financial support from BC Hosing which eventually bought into the project, the 144 Senior rental housing and Army & Navy veteran facilities is now slated for completion in 2012. When completed, residents will be able to studio suites, 1 & 2 bedroom units, 1 & 2

bedroom units plus den at prices varying from \$2300 - \$2700 per month. Of course at that price two meals per day plus a continental breakfast will be provided as well as personal laundry facilities, social recreation programs, 24 hr security. There will however be no assisted living or medical care.

Meanwhile back at home...

Mc Math Interactors are seeking support in the way of donated items for prizes to go toward their fund raising project to support the community in Rajasthan State in India in the improvement of its water and sanitation services. Prizes will be distributed to those students who donate within the local (Steveston) community. Contact Rtn Susan- Interact Liaison.

Today's Sgt at Arms

Today's Sgt at Arms was none other than our Secretary / VP.

Steveston Seafood and Wine Festival – April 29, 2011

Committee Chair, new member **Martyn Westerman** would like to have a mix of old and new member on his Committee. **A meeting (about 30 minutes) will be held Tuesday February 8, 2011 at 8 a.m., immediately after the regular meeting. Please give him a call if you can attend: 604-277-7976**



February 24: Special Community Dinner – Gilmore Park. Help is need in all facets of the organizing – contact **Sec Lee Bennett - 604-277-2909**

Thought for Today

Makes one think twice about these social networking sites – check this out –

<http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/video?id=7621105>

What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead giveaway)
 Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
 In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes.
 She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.
 A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
 If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.
 With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.



Want to know what some of the locals are up to? [See More>>](#)