



"What Paul Harris Said"

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November is Rotary Foundation Month

This issue coincides with the birth of RGHF. Just nine short years ago, I had the idea that “maybe” a list of the “First Fifty Rotary Clubs” might be of interest, at least to those clubs. <http://www.rotaryfirstfifty.org> was the initial project. Not long after, and with friends to help <http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/historians/board.htm> we began www.rotaryfirst100.org which continues to highlight the histories of the First 100 Clubs of Rotary. Today we are <http://www.rghf.org> with 4,000 pages, tens of thousands of articles thousands of subscribers and fans, hundreds of thousands of website visitors, and nearly 400 paid RGHF members.



Happy Birthday to RGHF

Looking forward to November Rotarians will be celebrating The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

“The Carnegie Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Pan American Union, and Rotary International are all working in the right direction, but they fall far short of accomplishing the desired results. When the lives of millions of our youth and billions of our national wealth are at stake, we must not think in small terms. If we can mobilize our universities, colleges and high schools in the interests of war, can we not mobilize some of them in the interests of international cooperation and peace?” Paul Harris’ first comment about foundations: The convention message to the 1943 convention at St. Louis <http://www.whatpaulharriswrote.org/library/conventions/1943stlouis.htm>



Left: Arch Klumph in 1917, president of Rotary International.
Far left: In 1930, Arch presents an award to a U.S. Boy Scout troop.





The origins of The Rotary Foundation are found at <http://www.foundationhistory.org>

The Rotary Foundation was born as an endowment fund in 1917, the brainchild of RI President Arch C. Klumph. It was reborn 12 years later in the form we know today, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. However, it wouldn't be until after the passing of Paul P. Harris in 1947 that TRF would reach the financial health and world importance that it enjoys today.



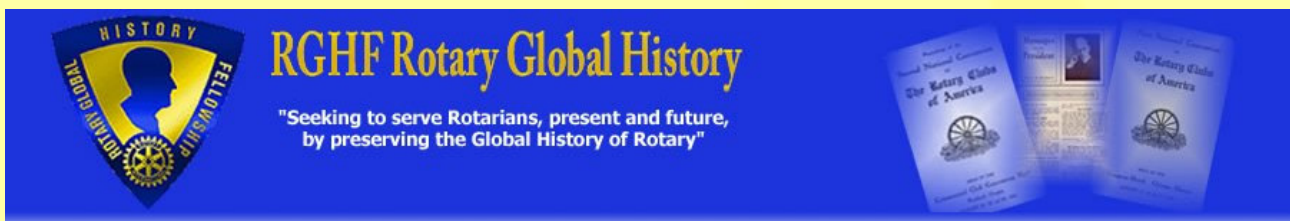
Yours in service through Rotary Global History,

Jack Selway

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