

Constitution *and* By-Laws of
The Rotary Club  Chicago

ADOPTED JANUARY NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY

Constitution.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

The name of this organization shall be the Rotary Club of Chicago.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTS.

ITS OBJECTS ARE:

FIRST: The promotion of the business interests of its members.

SECOND: The promotion of good fellowship and other desiderata ordinarily incident to Social Clubs.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP—QUALIFICATION.

SECTION 1. Any person belonging to either of the following classes shall be eligible to membership in this Club.

Class 1. Persons who are engaged either as proprietor, partner, or corporate officer, in any legitimate business undertaking in the City of Chicago.

Class 2. Persons, who in the capacity of agents or solicitors, represent life insurance companies.

Class 3. Persons who, in the capacity of general agents or solicitors, represent transportation companies.

Provided that persons of class one and two shall not be eligible to membership if the business in which they are engaged as proprietor, partner, corporate officer, agent or solicitor, as aforesaid, is already represented in the membership of this organization, and provided that persons of class three shall not be eligible if the company whom they represent or some rival or competing company is already represented in the membership of this Club.

And provided that whenever there is any question as to whether the business of a candidate infringes upon or comes in competition with the business of any member who is in good and regular standing, such candidate shall not be elected to membership unless such member gives his consent thereto.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

SEC. 2. Honorary members may be elected at any regular meeting, a quorum being present, by the unanimous vote of the members in attendance, and honorary memberships shall endure for a period of one year. Non-residents of the City of Chicago and retired business men, only, shall be eligible to such membership, and they shall have the same rights and privileges as are enjoyed by regular members except that it shall not be deemed the duty of regular members to promote the business interests of such honorary members. They shall be subject to the same duties and obliga-

send to the President or Secretary a written explanation in sufficient time for presentation at the next meeting following; which said explanation shall prove satisfactory to a majority of the members in attendance at such meeting, shall, by reason of such dereliction, without further act or motion on the part of this organization, be deemed to have forfeited his membership.

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ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT.

First. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings, and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office.

VICE PRESIDENT.

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Fourth. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to hold custody of all funds, accounting for same to this Association on request of any member and on his retirement from the office whether by reason or resignation, expulsion or termination of the period for which he was elected as a member, to turn over to his successor or to the President of this Association all funds in his possession, and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office.

REGISTRAR.

Fifth. It shall be the duty of the Registrar to keep record of the membership and attendance, and at the meeting preceding the termination of each person's membership, to make announcement to this organization of such approaching termination and also to give to such person whose membership is about to terminate, notice of such approaching termination, which said notice shall be given to such person not less than ten nor more than thirty days prior to the date of termination.

It shall be the duty of the said Registrar to call the roll immediately after the opening of each meeting.

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logical, that its work will eventually be national in character and that its influence will be felt on the great civic problems of other cities.

Many advantages, social, individual, and civic, would doubtless arise from such a development, and it is confidently expected that it will come.

There is room within the club for representatives of the lines of business not already represented and inquiries from such as are ambitious to join and take part in an organization of this character are welcomed.

Communications should be addressed to the Secretary, Mr. B. E. Arntzen, 247 North Clark Street.

The expense of maintenance is defrayed from money realized by the imposition of certain light "fines."

A limited part of the time of each meeting is devoted to entertainment. These "Good Time" periods have yielded splendid results in establishing friendly relations among the members.

During the months of July and August no meetings are held, but it is the aim of the directors to get up a club excursion during these two months to some nearby watering place.

The constitution and by-laws are framed to encourage loyalty. The duration of membership was limited to one year in order that an easy avenue of egress from the club might be afforded members who prove insufficiently interested in its future to do their share of the work. If a member, at the expiration of his year, had proven of value to the club, it was thought that his record would insure his re-election. If he had proven valueless he could be dropped without resort to the rigors of expulsion.

For the same reason the constitution was made to provide that members who failed to attend four consecutive meetings without explanation, forfeited their

ative in each line of business is in order that each member may enjoy the benefits of the influence of his fellow members, so far as is consistent with circumstances and reason. A member is not obligated to give business to, nor to wield his influence in favor of, his fellow members. He is expected to do so whenever possible, but if the nature of his business is such that he cannot, he may often prove of great value to the club in other directions.

At first, the newly elected member, if he is not thoroughly familiar with the object and scope of the work of the club, is surprised to find that he is invited, even urged, to solicit business from his fellow members. He learns, too, that the Bureau of Statistics keeps a record of business received and given, "tips" furnished, and information supplied.

But a member finds even more than this in Rotary. He finds opportunity to take active part in work pertaining to the civic welfare of his city, a work in which Rotary Club is making itself felt.

And he gets, also, much enjoyment from the social side of his club—the very nature of its work bringing the members into closer social relations than is usual in most clubs.

These features, and more, make Rotary Club unique. It is a valuable club to all those members who participate actively in the work.

Today, May 1908, nearly 200 members, made up of men in various lines of trade and industry, make Rotary Club a strong factor in the business life of our great Chicago.

Civic Work

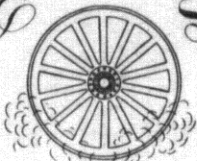
During 1907 the constitution of the club was broadened to include a third principle, that of promoting the welfare of the city of Chicago and developing a spirit of patriotism in the minds of its citizens.

There was no intention of making the club a factor in politics, but it was intended that its views should be heard on questions of public benefit.

The first great public undertaking fostered by the club was that of public comfort stations in the city of Chicago. This question had also been taken up by the Chicago Association of Commerce, the Hamilton Club and the City Club, but no definite action had been taken, and no plan developed. At a meeting of the Rotary Club, during the month of October, 1907, representatives of the three above named organizations, officials prominent in the present administration of the city of Chicago, and many others, assembled in the banquet hall of the Great Northern Hotel at the invitation of Rotary Club. A permanent organization composed of delegates from all of the said organizations, and 50 others, was formed, and the result of their combined influence has already been an appropriation of \$20,000



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by the Cook County Commissioners. The members of the joint committee fully believe that their efforts will result in a further expenditure for the said cause of not less than \$200,000.

Many other questions of vital importance to Chicago and its people have felt the influence of Rotary Club, and we can promise that many of the great questions pertaining to the civic welfare of future Chicago will bear the imprint of Rotary's corrective influence.

Clubs are needed which are totally independent of political influences. Such organizations not only frequently take the initiative in important measures, but by the creation of public sentiment are of great assistance to the city council, the county board, and other legislative bodies.

The moral and educational support that public spirited clubs on the order of Rotary give to great questions of public interest, cannot be questioned.

Operation

In Rotary there are no initiation fees—no dues. Meetings are held semi-monthly in different prominent hotels and restaurants. Every fourth meeting is devoted to public questions, and three times a year a "Ladies' Evening" is celebrated.

membership. The whole spirit of the club is one of progress, benefit and co-operation, and that being the case, it must be composed of live workers, men who can grasp the great possibilities existing in a club of this character and by their views or their acts show their appreciation.

The Future

The members of Rotary Club believe that its growth and development to magnificent proportions within a very short time is certain.

Other Chicago organizations are founded and flourish on each of the principal objects of Rotary Club. It is believed, however, that a harmonious and logical combination of the three guiding principles of Rotary should make it the most perfect of all club organizations. In many Chicago clubs, formed ostensibly for the promotion of the friendly relation of its members, the underlying but dominating purpose is and ever has been that which Rotary honestly, fairly and openly makes a part of its work, and that is, the promotion of the business interests of its members.

It is believed better to start on this basis. The organizers were convinced that the principles on which the club was founded were so sound, so sensible, so

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Here is a club differing from any you have ever joined or heard of—a club so unique, so unusual, that those on the outside want to get in and those on the inside, once within the portals, are anxious to remain.

Other clubs frown down any effort on the part of members to use the club as a means for securing business, but the rule they make in that respect is more often lived up to in the breach than in the observance.

What is done sub-rosa in other clubs is here done openly—a part and parcel of the club's work, one of the reasons for its very existence.

Rotary Club says frankly and plainly—cultivate your fellow members and use them to get business from; they in turn to do the same with you. It goes even further. It says—influence all the business of your friends and acquaintances that you can for the benefit of your fellow members. The spirit of reciprocity is strong in Rotary.

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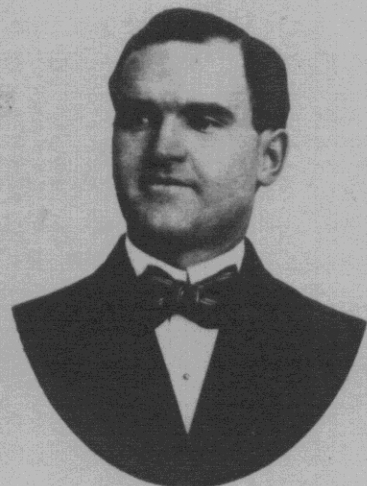
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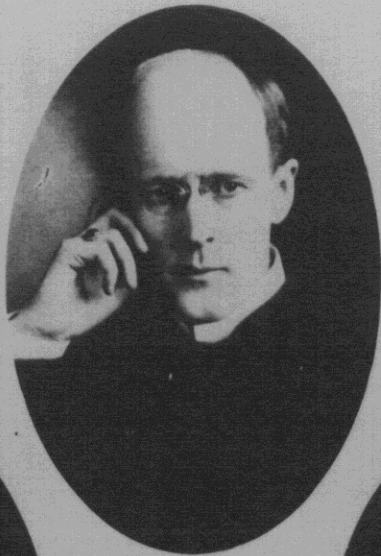
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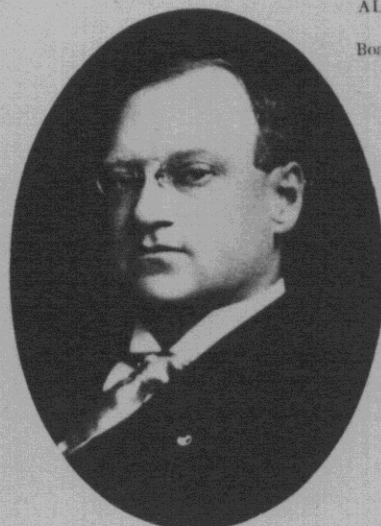
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logical, that its work will eventually be national in character and that its influence will be felt on the great civic problems of other cities.

Many advantages, social, individual, and civic, would doubtless arise from such a development, and it is confidently expected that it will come.

There is room within the club for representatives of the lines of business not already represented and inquiries from such as are ambitious to join and take part in an organization of this character are welcomed.

Communications should be addressed to the Secretary, Mr. B. E. Arntzen, 247 North Clark Street.

The expense of maintenance is defrayed from money realized by the imposition of certain light "fines."

A limited part of the time of each meeting is devoted to entertainment. These "Good Time" periods have yielded splendid results in establishing friendly relations among the members.

During the months of July and August no meetings are held, but it is the aim of the directors to get up a club excursion during these two months to some nearby watering place.

The constitution and by-laws are framed to encourage loyalty. The duration of membership was limited to one year in order that an easy avenue of egress from the club might be afforded members who prove insufficiently interested in its future to do their share of the work. If a member, at the expiration of his year, had proven of value to the club, it was thought that his record would insure his re-election. If he had proven valueless he could be dropped without resort to the rigors of expulsion.

For the same reason the constitution was made to provide that members who failed to attend four consecutive meetings without explanation, forfeited their

ative in each line of business is in order that each member may enjoy the benefits of the influence of his fellow members, so far as is consistent with circumstances and reason. A member is not obligated to give business to, nor to wield his influence in favor of, his fellow members. He is expected to do so whenever possible, but if the nature of his business is such that he cannot, he may often prove of great value to the club in other directions.

At first, the newly elected member, if he is not thoroughly familiar with the object and scope of the work of the club, is surprised to find that he is invited, even urged, to solicit business from his fellow members. He learns, too, that the Bureau of Statistics keeps a record of business received and given, "tips" furnished, and information supplied.

But a member finds even more than this in Rotary. He finds opportunity to take active part in work pertaining to the civic welfare of his city, a work in which Rotary Club is making itself felt.

And he gets, also, much enjoyment from the social side of his club—the very nature of its work bringing the members into closer social relations than is usual in most clubs.

These features, and more, make Rotary Club unique. It is a valuable club to all those members who participate actively in the work.

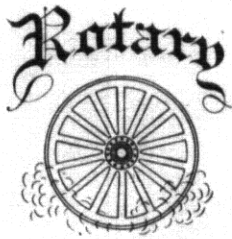
Today, May 1908, nearly 200 members, made up of men in various lines of trade and industry, make Rotary Club a strong factor in the business life of our great Chicago.

Civic Work

During 1907 the constitution of the club was broadened to include a third principle, that of promoting the welfare of the city of Chicago and developing a spirit of patriotism in the minds of its citizens.

There was no intention of making the club a factor in politics, but it was intended that its views should be heard on questions of public benefit.

The first great public undertaking fostered by the club was that of public comfort stations in the city of Chicago. This question had also been taken up by the Chicago Association of Commerce, the Hamilton Club and the City Club, but no definite action had been taken, and no plan developed. At a meeting of the Rotary Club, during the month of October, 1907, representatives of the three above named organizations, officials prominent in the present administration of the city of Chicago, and many others, assembled in the banquet hall of the Great Northern Hotel at the invitation of Rotary Club. A permanent organization composed of delegates from all of the said organizations, and 50 others, was formed, and the result of their combined influence has already been an appropriation of \$20,000



A UNIQUE CLUB



by the Cook County Commissioners. The members of the joint committee fully believe that their efforts will result in a further expenditure for the said cause of not less than \$200,000.

Many other questions of vital importance to Chicago and its people have felt the influence of Rotary Club, and we can promise that many of the great questions pertaining to the civic welfare of future Chicago will bear the imprint of Rotary's corrective influence.

Clubs are needed which are totally independent of political influences. Such organizations not only frequently take the initiative in important measures, but by the creation of public sentiment are of great assistance to the city council, the county board, and other legislative bodies.

The moral and educational support that public spirited clubs on the order of Rotary give to great questions of public interest, cannot be questioned.

Operation

In Rotary there are no initiation fees—no dues. Meetings are held semi-monthly in different prominent hotels and restaurants. Every fourth meeting is devoted to public questions, and three times a year a "Ladies' Evening" is celebrated.

membership. The whole spirit of the club is one of progress, benefit and co-operation, and that being the case, it must be composed of live workers, men who can grasp the great possibilities existing in a club of this character and by their views or their acts show their appreciation.

The Future

The members of Rotary Club believe that its growth and development to magnificent proportions within a very short time is certain.

Other Chicago organizations are founded and flourish on each of the principal objects of Rotary Club. It is believed, however, that a harmonious and logical combination of the three guiding principles of Rotary should make it the most perfect of all club organizations. In many Chicago clubs, formed ostensibly for the promotion of the friendly relation of its members, the underlying but dominating purpose is and ever has been that which Rotary honestly, fairly and openly makes a part of its work, and that is, the promotion of the business interests of its members.

It is believed better to start on this basis. The organizers were convinced that the principles on which the club was founded were so sound, so sensible, so

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Other clubs frown down any effort on the part of members to use the club as a means for securing business, but the rule they make in that respect is more often lived up to in the breach than in the observance.

What is done sub-rosa in other clubs is here done openly—a part and parcel of the club's work, one of the reasons for its very existence.

Rotary Club says frankly and plainly—cultivate your fellow members and use them to get business from; they in turn to do the same with you. It goes even further. It says—influence all the business of your friends and acquaintances that you can for the benefit of your fellow members. The spirit of reciprocity is strong in Rotary.

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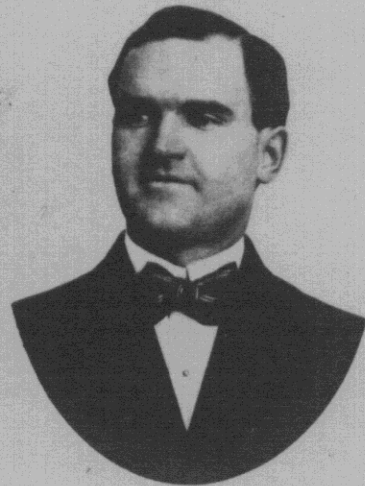
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It is the story of **Rotary Club**, that unique organization of Chicago business men, which in three short years has jumped into prominence because it does things.

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D. J. Rice			A M Reed		
Elmer A Rich					
F Rossbach					
H Ruggles			H Ruggles		
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MR.

ADDRESS

WHO WISHES TO CONFER WITH YOU

ABOUT

SIGNED

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of _____

who is in need of _____

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Have given your name to

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Cyrus C. Teatch					
J. Z. Vogelsang					
Wm. J. Walsh			Wm. J. Walsh		
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