



 **ROTARY CLUB OF GREENSBURG, PA.**

CENTENNIAL MOMENTS

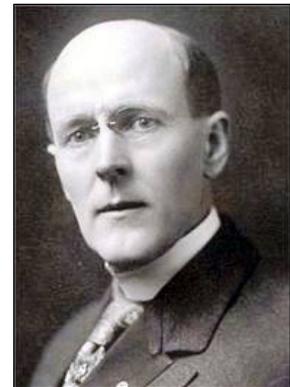
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Paul Harris (1868-1947)

During his lifetime, Rotary's founder, Paul Percy Harris worked tirelessly on behalf the Rotary cause. When he died, at the age of 79 in December 1947, his creation, Rotary International, had grown to more than 200,000 members in 75 countries. His death however was not the end of his influence on Rotary. Harris' vision and inspirational leadership, that led to his founding of Rotary in 1904, left an indelible mark on Rotary's future, as an outpouring of Rotarian donations, made in his honor and totaling \$2 million, served as a shot-in-the-arm for the Rotary Foundation when the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation. The Foundation, once a small endowment, set up by Rotarians in 1917 "for doing good in the world," became the not-for-profit corporation Rotary Foundation in 1928. The Great Depression and World War II impeded the Foundation's growth, but the need for lasting world peace generated great postwar interest in its development. Donations in honor of Harris were responsible for launching the modern Rotary Foundation first program – graduate fellowships, now called Ambassadorial Scholarships. This was only the beginning as the Foundation continued to grow Rotary International activities. In 1965-66, three new programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants. In 1978, the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants program was launched and Rotary Volunteers was created as a part of that program in 1980. Polio Plus was announced in 1984-85, and the next year brought Rotary Grants for University Teachers. The first peace forums were held in 1987-88, leading to the Foundation's peace and conflict studies programs.



Today, contributions to The Rotary Foundation total more than \$80 million annually and support a wide range of humanitarian grants and educational programs that enable Rotarians to bring hope and promote international understanding throughout the world.

The Greensburg Club's Post-World War II Years (1946-1950)

As the war drew to a close in 1945, Rotary International was mapping out new territory with its participation in the formation of the United Nations in San Francisco in 1945 and Rotary's subsequent commitment to service to mankind on an international scale. While changes in Rotary International were beginning to take place, the Post-World War II Greensburg club continued to basically operate on a model, both in structure and activity, dating to the club's founding – as a club of professional and business men and as a venue for both business and social networking and fellowship. The club's charity work was confined to its Student Loan Fund and the Westmoreland County Children's Aid Society (Children's Home in Greensburg) funding for which was provided by membership contributions. All other requests were routinely denied, despite a growing number of requests from community organizations. On the occasion of Paul Harris' Death, the Greensburg Club responded to Rotary world's tribute to Harris by fulfilling its goal of 100% support for the Rotary Foundation as 88 club members each donated \$10, for a total of \$880 to the Foundation.

Source's: Rotary's Global History Foundation and *Rotary Flashes*, 1947 thru 1950

Rotary's Membership Classification System

Throughout most of its history, membership in the local Rotary club was governed by a somewhat rigid classification system. When Paul Harris created Rotary, he wanted to ensure that Rotary provided for its members to gain financially from the experience, by doing business with each other. Although this proved to be contentious and was soon dropped, it resulted in the creation of Rotary's classification system which basically described the distinct and recognized business or professional service which the Rotarian rendered to society. From time to time, the Greensburg club found itself unable to accept a proposed member, regardless of that person's potential benefit to the club and its mission, because the individual's business or professional category under the classification system had no openings in the club. Consequently, the proposed individual would have to wait until a resignation or death freed up a category of membership in the club. Today, clubs are encouraged to be creative and customize their Classification list, if they have one, to fit local circumstances in order to create a club of diversity to ensure a stronger program of service to the community. Displayed below is a page from an earlier Greensburg Club's *Membership and Classification Directory*.

CLASSIFICATION	
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<p>1 AERONAUTIC EQUIPMENT Airplane Retailing.....</p> <p>2 AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT INDUSTRY Agricultural Implement Retailing.....</p> <p>3 AGRICULTURE Farming.....George Barnhart Agricultural Agent.....</p> <p>3-A AGRICULTURE—Horticulture Flowers Retailing.....</p> <p>3-B AGRICULTURE—Live Stock Industry Dairy Farming.....J. H. Silvis, Sr. Veterinary Medicine.....</p> <p>4 ASSOCIATIONS Automobile Club..... Chamber of Commerce..... Boys Work Organiz's—Boy Scouts... V. L. Huntsberger Young Men's Association—Y. M. C. A.....</p> <p>5 AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY Automobile Retailing.....George Henry Auto Parts and Accessories Distributor.. W. F. Wible Tire Distributing.....</p> <p>6 BEVERAGES Carbonated Beverage Manufacturing.....<i>Proposed</i> Carbonated Beverage Distributing.....</p> <p>7 BUILDING MATERIALS Building Materials—Retailing... W. R. McFarland Sand and Gravel Distributing..... Concrete Products Manufacturing.....</p> <p>8 BURIAL Funeral Directing.....</p> <p>9 BUSINESS SERVICE Accounting Service..... Building Management.....<i>Daniel R. Fisher—Proposed By Wm M Duff</i></p>	<p>10 CERAMIC INDUSTRY Brick Manufacturing..... Porcelain Lighting Fixtures—Mfg.....</p> <p>11 CHEMICAL INDUSTRY Drugs Retailing.....Chas. E. Hoffman Toilet Preparations Distributing..... Chemist—Pharmaceutical.....D. Arter Miller</p> <p>12 CLOTHING INDUSTRY Men's Clothing Retailing.....Chas. J. Johnson Women's Clothing Retailing..... Women's Clothing Manufacturing..Daniel G. Keller Men's Furnishings Retailing..... Tailoring—Men's..... Shoe Retailing..... Ensemble Store.....A. A. Smith</p> <p>13 COAL INDUSTRY Coal Mining.....William Helman Coal Distributing.....F. B. Miller Coal Retailing.....</p> <p>14 COMMUNICATION SERVICE Telephone Service.....Wm. C. St. Clair Telegraph and Cable Service.....</p> <p>15 CONFECTIONERY Confectionery Retailing.....</p> <p>16 CONSTRUCTION SERVICE Building Construction..... Architecture..... General Contracting..... Structural Engineering..... Metal Roofing.....</p> <p>18 DRY GOODS & GENERAL MERCHANDISE General Merchandise—Distributing.....W. M. Duff Department Stores.....S. W. Rose Dry Goods Retailing..... 5 and 10 Cent Stores..... General Merchandise—Retailing.....</p>
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