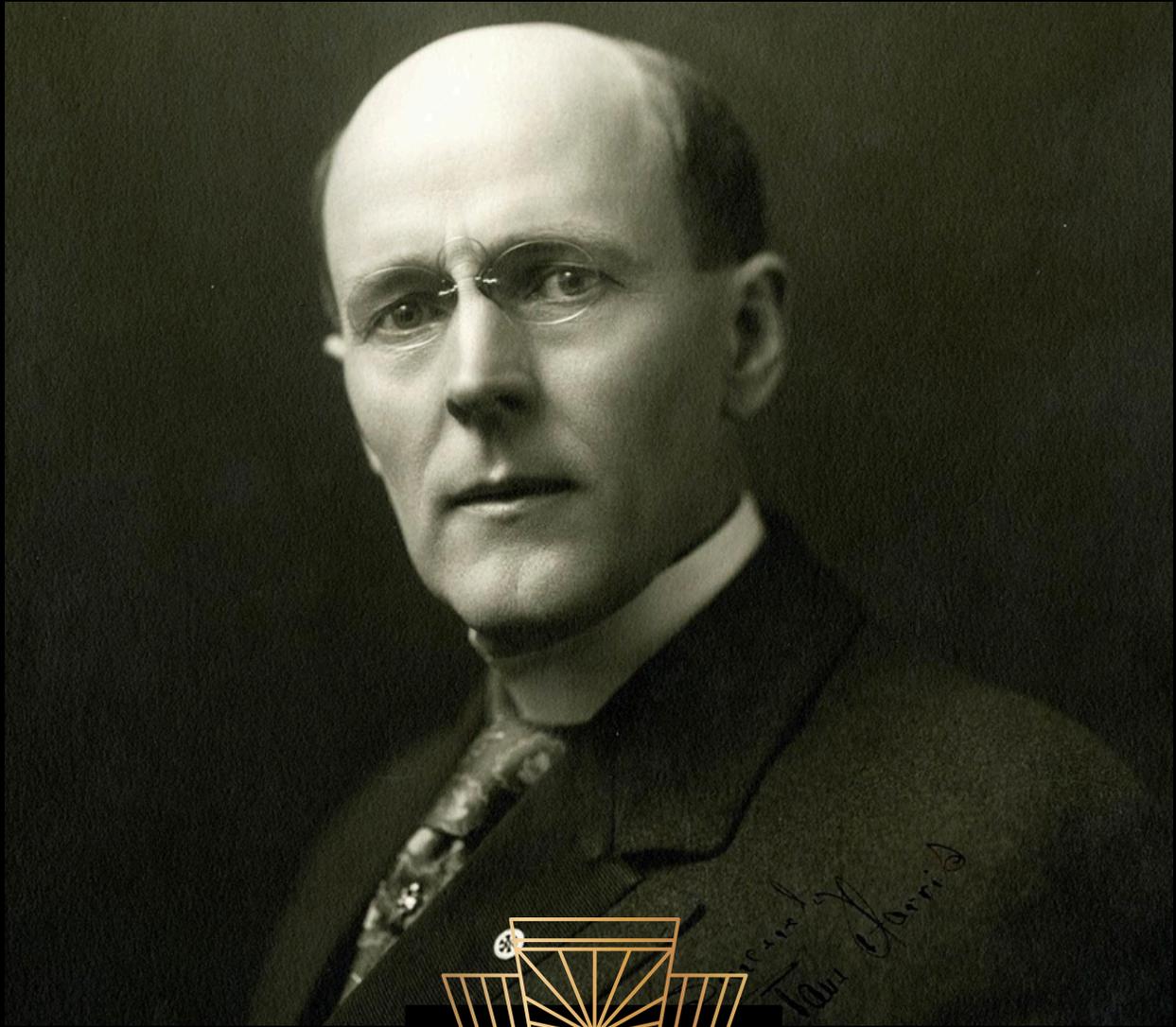


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# CONNECTIONS

THE DISTRICT 6990 MAGAZINE



# THE ICONIC YEAR AHEAD



September 21, 2024

District Summit

Location: TBD

Theme: Get Your PhD in Rotary

October 5, 2024

District Picnic

Location: Homestead

Theme: Poodle Skirts & Picnic Baskets



February 7, 2025

The Night of 1000  
Paul Harris Fellows

Location: TBD

Theme: The Great Gatsby

May 2-4, 2025

District Conference

Location: Key West

Theme: Experience the Magic of Key West



June 14, 2025

Hall of Fame &  
District Awards

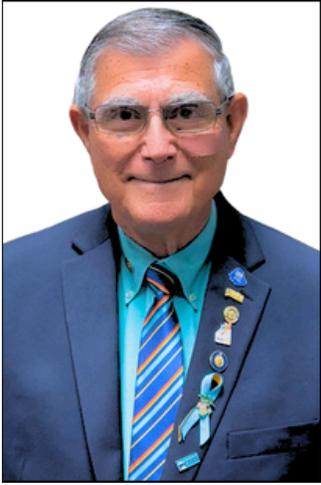
Location: TBD

Theme: Celebrating Our District Diamonds

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# A LETTER FROM OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Welcome to Rotary  
Year 2024-2025!



## Helping those in need

My name is Dennis "Den" Caltagirone, District Governor for Rotary year 2024-25. It is with great pleasure that we begin our journey together in bringing services and assistance to those in need. Every Rotarian and Rotaractor, Interactor and Early Actor have an important role to play, as we work together as a family in all things we call Rotary Service. Together, we can accomplish everything we set our minds to. We all bring our vocation and many avocations to the table of service. We are inclusive and supportive at every level of Rotary. We are a membership organization and as such we want to invite a representative cohort of prospective new Rotary family members to our clubs. Everything in Rotary starts with our

members. Our clubs are the most important level of Rotary and each member is a valuable contributor to all future success. We will work diligently to make sure each member receives value for the expenditure of time, talent, and treasury.

The District Team is made up of a number of committees and sub-commitments all populated with Rotarians from our cadre of clubs. The District Team functions to serve the club leadership and hence the members in the pursuit of meeting the needs of those at home and beyond. Our only agenda is, "service to others."

Every club event or FUNraiser is important as we work together to ensure success. We look forward to collaborations among clubs on a number of initiatives and events. Our Assistant Governors (AG's) are also members of the, "Service Team." Their responsibility is to facilitate clubs and members in all endeavors. Each AG functions as a direct representative of the District Governor and as the conduit for information that flows from the clubs to the district and the district to the clubs. The entire leadership team works to bring support and service to all members and clubs.

Your area AG will be visiting your club quarterly and will always be available via the normal channels of communication. If you need assistance or an answer to a question, they are a great source. Be sure to contact your AG.

Please note the District Calendar in this first issue of the Rotary District Magazine. We have a number of exciting events and training opportunities for each and every Rotarian to enjoy this coming Rotary year. If you are a new member of Rotary we would like to suggest that you sign up for the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) for the Fall session. All dates will be posted on DACdb and the website as we work to keep members informed.

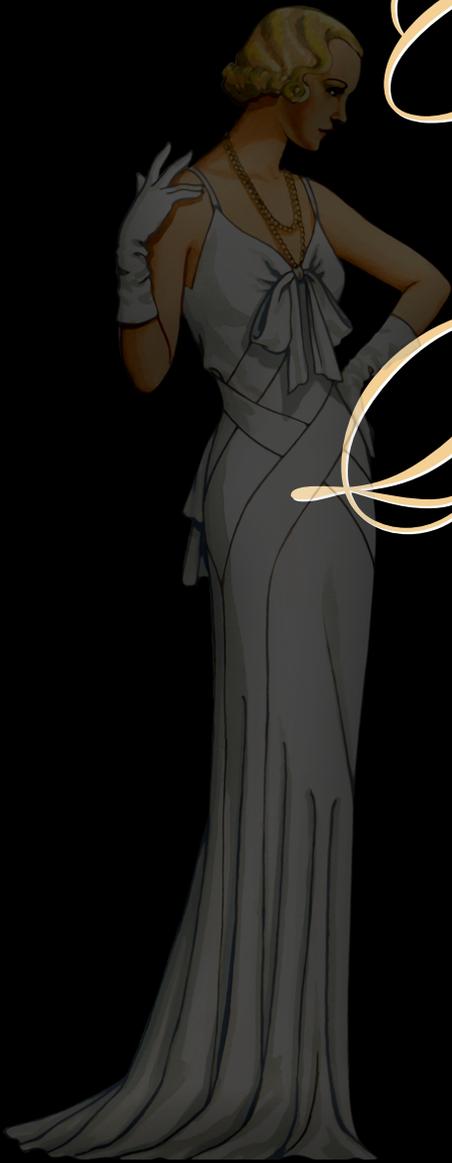
There are so many other wonderful opportunities to share from the clubs, and they will be reflected in numerous articles submitted to the District Magazine. Remember, we are not in this business of Service alone. We have one another, and that is powerful! Let's make use of our talents and experiences at every opportunity as we strive to bring the very best service to those in need at home and beyond. "Onward and Upward!"

  
District Governor  
Rotary International District 6990

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SAVE THE DATE  
FEBRUARY 7, 2025

*The Night  
of 1000  
Paul Harris  
Fellows*



This year our amazing PDG Drew Monaghan has built an all-star team to bring back our iconic Night of 1000 Paul Harris Fellows.

The prestigious list of guests flying in for this rare celebration include none other than the **Rotary International President Stephanie A. Urchick**

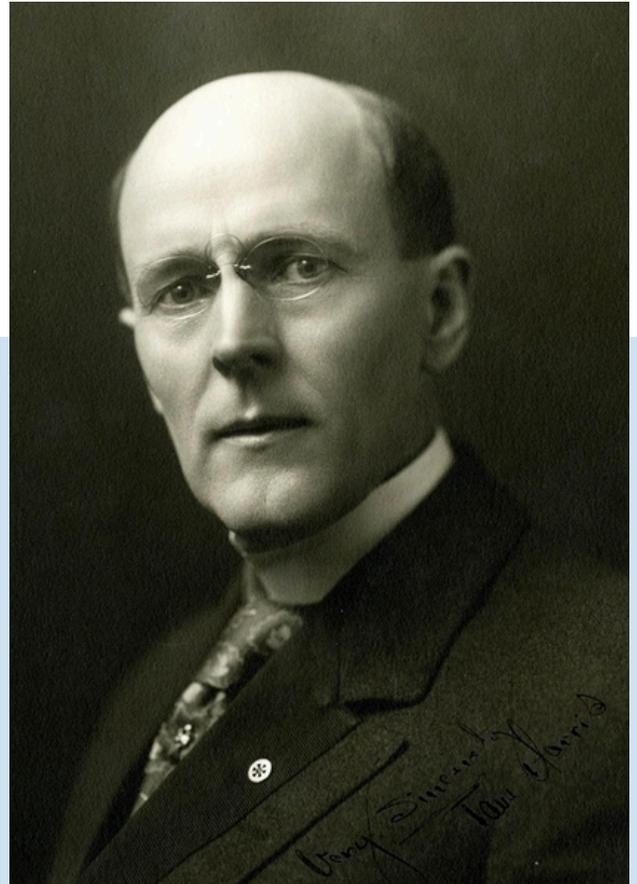
# WHO IS PAUL HARRIS?

## THE MAN, THE MYTH, THE LEGEND

Harris was born on 19 April 1868 in Racine, Wisconsin, USA. At age 3, he moved to Wallingford, Vermont, where he grew up in the care of his paternal grandparents. He attended the University of Vermont and Princeton University and received his law degree from the University of Iowa in 1891.

*Rotary started with the vision of one man  
— Paul P. Harris.*

In 1896, Harris settled in Chicago and opened a law practice. Four years later, he met fellow attorney Bob Frank for dinner on Chicago's North Side. They walked around the area, stopping at shops along the way. Harris was impressed that Frank was friendly with many of the shopkeepers. He had not seen this kind of camaraderie among businessmen since moving to Chicago and wondered if there was



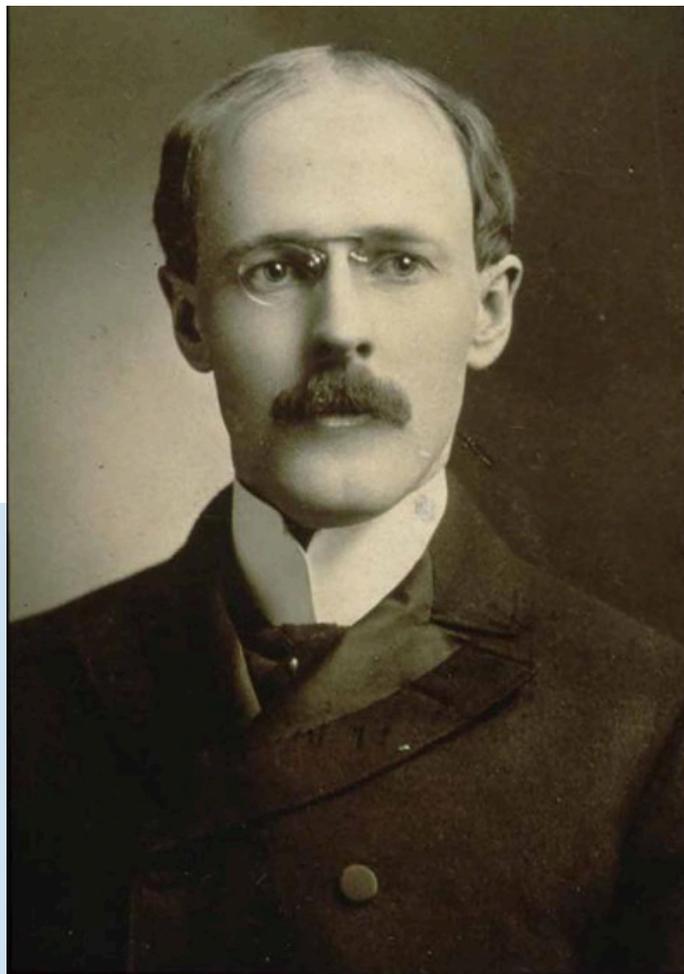
a way to channel it, because it reminded him of growing up in Wallingford.

“The thought persisted that I was experiencing only what had happened to hundreds, perhaps thousands, of others in the great city. ... I was sure that there must be many other young men who had come from farms and small villages to establish themselves in Chicago. ... Why not bring them together? If others were longing for fellowship as I was, something would come of it.”

Harris eventually persuaded several business associates to discuss the idea of forming an organization for local professionals. On 23 February 1905, Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey gathered at Loehr's office in downtown Chicago for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting.

In February 1907, Harris was elected the third president of the Rotary Club of Chicago. Toward the end of his presidency, he worked to expand Rotary beyond the city. Some club members resisted, not wanting to take on the additional financial burden. But Harris persisted, and by 1910, Rotary had expanded to several other major U.S. cities.

Harris recognized the need to form a national association with an executive board of directors. In August 1910, Rotarians held their first national convention in Chicago, where the 16 existing clubs unified as the National Association of Rotary Clubs (now Rotary International). The new association unanimously elected Harris as its president.



At the end of his second term as Rotary president, Harris resigned, citing ill health and the demands of his professional practice and personal life. He was elected president emeritus by convention action, a title he held until his death.

In the mid-1920s, Harris became actively involved in Rotary again, serving as the public face of the organization. To promote membership and service, he attended conventions and visited clubs throughout the world, often accompanied by his wife, Jean.

Harris died on 27 January 1947 in Chicago at age 78, after a prolonged illness. Before his death, he made it known that he preferred contributions to The Rotary Foundation in lieu of flowers. By coincidence, days before he died, Rotary leaders had committed to a major fundraising effort for the Foundation.

Upon news of his death, Rotary created the Paul Harris Memorial Fund as a way to solicit these donations. Rotarians were encouraged to commemorate the late founder of Rotary

by contributing to the fund, which would be used for purposes dear to Harris' heart. In the 18 months following his death, The Rotary Foundation received \$1.3 million, which helped support the Foundation's first program — scholarships for graduate study abroad.

*SOURCE: "History of Paul Harris, Rotary Founder." Rotary International, <https://www.rotary.org/en/history-paul-harris-rotary-founder>. Accessed 19 June 2024.*

Now that you know about the event and a bit more about Paul Harris, let's talk about a new way that your club can help more of your club members become Paul Harris Fellows.

This year the District Membership Chair, District Foundation Chair, & District Communications Chair worked together to create the District Membership Game to help more of our members become Paul Harris Fellows. Once your club inducts members with each of the classifications below, reach out to Joe Roth with your completed card, to win the points. You have three months to identify, vet and induct your new members.

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## The Ultimate Adventure DISTRICT 6990

**The Club Games.**  
Each Rotary Club is a team, will yours  
win the 2000 Paul Harris points?

*How does it work?*

1. Every Quarter we will send out one list.
2. The club that inducts the most members from that list, by the end of that quarter, will win 2,000 Paul Harris Points.

Accountant	A relative of a Rotarian	Social Media Marketer	Business Broker	Journalist or News Reporter
Fire Chief	Event Planner	Email Marketing Agency Owner	Banker	Audiologist
Certified Financial Planner	Video Agency Owners	Catering Company Owner	Potential 2nd & 3rd generation Rotarians	Car Dealership Owner
Chief of Police	Website Designer	Town Council Person or Commissioner	Dentist	Doctor

Thank you to Captain Manohar Mahajan & Joe Roth for collectively donating 8,000 points to facilitate this friendly competition.

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