



The Rotary Big Wheel

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THIS MONTH IN ROTARY.....CUBA

The first Rotary club to be organized outside an English-speaking country was established in Havana, Cuba, 29 April 1916, with 22 charter members. The club was admitted to Rotary on 1 June 1916.

During 1923, the Rotary Club of Havana celebrated its seventh anniversary, in what became a very busy year. The club sponsored a carnival attended by more than 1,500 children, won a prohibition against bullfighting in Cuba, worked to get the city's water sanitized and properly purified, and obtained pavement repairs. By the time the RI Convention was held in Havana, 9-14 June 1940, 42 of the 48 clubs that had been chartered in Cuba were still active. Another 20 clubs would be chartered thereafter, ending with the Rotary Club of San Cristobal, on 16 October 1957.

Rotary clubs in Cuba produced four RI directors – Mario Nuñez Mesa, 1922-23; Felix Silva Fernandez, 1936-37; Manuel Galigarcia Hernández, 1942-43; and Horacio Navarrete, 1953-54. All clubs in Cuba were terminated by 31 January 1979.



Proposed Rotarians

Jim Maugeotte has been proposed for membership in Anderson Rotary by Rick Dawson. Jim is owner of Great Deals Magazine.

Mark Thacker, Sales Manager of Hoosier Park has been proposed into Rotary by David Porter.

Happy Birthday!!

Maury Caldwell	4/11
Carter Teresa	4/07
Dana Donahue	4/15
Ron Duncan	4/08
Terry Smith	4/13
Kathy Sumner	4/26
Scott Wilkins	4/03
Mike Zapolski	4/29

Important Dates

April 29	Faux Run
May 15	School Carnival

Joke of the Week

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my four-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs.

One day, I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass.

As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, "The tooth fairy will never believe this!"

ROTARY MOMENT 556 – BOB SHOEMAKER

Presented by John Eddy

In 1921 Rotary was international in a substantial number of countries but Rotary had not reached the South Pacific area. The Rotary board of directors of the International Association asked two Canadians, Colonel J. Layton Ralston, president of the Halifax club, and Colonel James Davidson of Calgary to carry the Rotary idea to Australia and New Zealand. They began their trip from San Francisco with a 21 day voyage to Sydney. In four months these two volunteers successfully organized clubs in the four largest cities of the two countries. On his return Ralston entered Canadian politics and later served as Minister of national defense and Minister of finance. Davidson, on the other hand, with the Rotary boards blessing continued his Rotary missionary work into many other countries of the world.

Rotary has been immensely successful in Australia and New Zealand. Rotarians there have been originators of many programs of Rotary that later were adopted world wide. Among their initiatives were the Group Study Program of the Rotary Foundation and the organization of ProBus clubs, service and social clubs for retired men and women.

Next September Indianapolis will be the site of a training meeting for governors and past governors of all of the Rotary districts in two zones that cover the territory from Illinois and Indiana to the Gulf of Mexico. These meetings have been adopted world wide.

FAIM, Fourth Avenue in Motion, was an initiative of these Rotarians. FAIM has carried help and support to many countries of the South Pacific and South East Asia areas.

Our good friends in Australia and New Zealand have taken the Rotary banner brought to them 87 years ago by Rotarians Ralston and Davidson; they have carried it proudly, as they have pioneered new areas of service. Rotarians everywhere have admired and benefited from their work.