

Rotary Awareness Quiz Answer Sheet

1. How many people attended the first Rotary meeting on Thursday evening, February 23, 1905? Four: Paul Harris, Silvester Schiele and Hiram Shorey met in Gustavus Loehr's office.
2. What was the first Rotary Club community project? A "comfort station" in downtown Chicago. Public restrooms were typically found only in saloons at that time, and unaccompanied women were not permitted to enter saloons.
3. Who can you blame for introducing singing to Rotary Club meetings and what was his profession? Harry Ruggles, printer.
4. Men With Friends; The Blue Boys; The Conspirators; The Round Table. What do these names have in common? At the third meeting of the group in Chicago that would become Rotary, each name was considered for the new club.
5. Who was the first president of a Rotary Club? Paul Harris nominated Silvester Schiele because Paul preferred to work behind the scenes to attract new members.
6. How much were annual dues at the first Rotary Club? There were no dues at the first Rotary Club. The group voted there would be no dues and all club expenses would be paid from 50-cent fines.
7. For how long was Rotary primarily a friendship and business reciprocity organization? Only about two years; then the club added a third objective to perform civic service.
8. At the first Rotary Convention in 1910, keynote speaker Daniel Cady of the Rotary Club of New York told the audience that Rotary, then with 16 clubs, would have 1,000 clubs around the world within 80 years. When would Rotary add its 1,000th club? The 1,000th Rotary Club was added in 1921, only 11 years after Cady's speech.
9. In 1911 Paul Harris gave Chesley Perry a budget of \$25.44 to complete a daunting task. What was the task? To mimeograph and mail a new publication, *The National Rotarian*, to all 2,000 Rotarians in the 23 clubs nationwide.

10. The first five Rotary Clubs were Chicago, San Francisco, Oakland, Seattle and Los Angeles. What were the first five clubs in this district? Los Angeles (1909), Santa Monica (1922), San Pedro (1922), Inglewood (1923) and Downey (1924).

11. In 1912 the Rotary Club of Los Angeles donated \$4,000 towards a major public works project. What was it? LA5 donated \$4000 towards a proposed coast-to-coast highway.

12. Engineer and Rotarian Oscar Bjorge, from the Rotary Club of Duluth (Minnesota), was annoyed at the inconsistency of a Rotary symbol, calling it “an insult to engineering.” What did Oscar fix? Oscar Bjorge standardized the Rotary wheel with 6 spokes, 24 teeth and a keyway “because we are workers and not idlers.”

13. What is the greatest distance from Chicago that a Rotary Club banner has been displayed? Astronaut Frank Borman, of the Rotary Club of Space Center Houston, took a club banner on his orbit around the moon in Apollo 8.

14. What is the greatest distance from Chicago that a Rotary pin has been displayed? Astronaut Buzz Aldrin, an honorary Rotarian of the Rotary Club of Spring Lake-Brielle (New Jersey) where his father was a member, planted a Four-Way Test pin on the moon when he landed Apollo 11.

15. What is the largest annual public relations project of Rotary Clubs in the United States and Canada? The Rotary float in the Rose Parade is seen by between 250-million and 1-billion people every year. Every Rotarian in 5280 and adjacent districts contributes \$3 annually which is collected in their district dues.

16. In what country was the first Rotary Club outside of the United States? The first non-USA Rotary Club was in Winnipeg, Canada, in 1912.

17. During the Great Depression the Rotary Club of Muncie, Indiana, helped launch The Muncie Plan. What was it? The Muncie Rotary Club promoted home improvement to boost sales at struggling hardware stores and reduce the 80 percent unemployment rate among construction workers and tradesmen. The plan was very successful.

18. Where and when did RYLA begin? RYLA, the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, began in 1959 by Rotarians from Queensland, Australia, organized

a weeklong conference for outstanding young people. In 1971 the RI Board officially adopted RYLA as a youth program.

19. Young Exchange is one of Rotary's most popular and successful programs. When and where was the first exchange? The first youth exchange was when the Rotary Club of Copenhagen (Denmark) arranged to host several American boys in 1921.

20. In 1978 the Rotary Club of Duarte (California) admitted three women in contravention of the Rotary constitution. How many Supreme Court justices voted for and how many justices opposed the final decision that decided the issue? The Supreme Court, in a 7-0 decision in 1987, agreed that clubs could admit women. Sylvia Whitlock was the first president of the Duarte Club, and therefore the first woman president of any Rotary Club.

21. The 2011 RI Convention in New Orleans will draw about 20,000 people. What was the smallest and the largest RI Convention attendance? The smallest convention was the first in 1910 with 60 attendees. The largest registration number (although registration is not the same as attendance) was 43,381 at the 2004 convention in Osaka, Japan.

22. One Rotarian from this district rose to become RI President. Name him and his club. Los Angeles 5 member Carl P. Miller was the RI President in 1963-64. His RI Theme was "Meeting Rotary's Challenge in the Space Age."

23. Name the four countries where polio is still endemic. Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and Nigeria accounted for 221 polio cases in 2010 of the 908 cases worldwide.

24. How much has Rotary pledged to meet the Gates Foundation Challenge? Rotary has pledged \$200 million to match the \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.