



This Week: Dr. Michel Habakuk & Field of Valor

Listen to Dr. Michel’s amazing real life Cinderella story – beginning with his family practice in Haiti -through his trials and tribulations up until today – in the U.S. Navy. You will not believe what you hear.

THIS IS A MUST ATTEND PROGRAM

Field of Valor: We will also have a Field of Valor pre-planning meeting. Think about last November.... What can we improve on? How can we make the Field of Valor even better in 2015?



Next Week: FunRun: FunRun is one of our Club’s signature events. The FunRun raises money for teacher mini-grants, and other charitable activities during the year. Please plan to attend this very important planning meeting next week.

LAST WEEK: Dario Castellanos, Craft Talk

Dario has lived an interesting life here in the States. He is well educated, fun, and a forward thinker. We are very lucky to have him as one of our members.

Happy Birthday Rotary International

In the next few issues of The Wheel, we will chronical how Rotary started.

Our Founder – Paul Harris-Growing up

Paul Harris was born on 19 April 1868 to George H. and Cornelia Bryan Harris in Racine, Wisconsin, USA. George attempted to support his family as a small-business owner but he often relied on his father for financial assistance. In July 1871 that reliance became permanent when Harris and his older brother, Cecil, were sent to live with their paternal grandparents in Wallingford, Vermont. Harris later wrote, “Of all charges which might have been made against George and Cornelia, parsimony would have stood the least chance. They were both royal spenders.”

Harris as a student at the University of Vermont in Burlington, 1886.

Harris was raised by his grandparents, Howard and Pamela Rustin Harris, and saw his parents only occasionally. He grew to revere the family values that characterized the New England of his youth. In October 1928, when he returned to his boyhood home for the charter night celebration of the Rotary Club of Wallingford, he proclaimed, “Much that there is in Rotary today can be traced back to the good old New England family table.”

He was a mischievous child. He attended primary school in Wallingford and secondary school in Rutland, where he played pranks and skipped class. He also attended Black River Academy in Ludlow but was expelled after only a few weeks. Harris enrolled at the University of Vermont in Burlington but was expelled with three others in December 1886 because of his involvement in an underground society. He later wrote that although he was innocent of the crime he was accused of, the expulsion was nonetheless justified.

Harris spent the spring with a private tutor and in the fall of 1887, he enrolled at Princeton University. His time at Princeton was cut short by the death of his grandfather in

March 1888. He completed the semester but did not return to school the next year.

Life in Chicago

After Princeton, Harris made his way to Iowa, where he found his professional calling working at the law firm of St. John, Stevenson, and Whisenand in Des Moines. After his apprenticeship, he attended the University of Iowa in Iowa City and graduated with a Bachelor of Laws in June 1891.

In 1896 Harris settled in Chicago, where he opened a law practice in the central business district. He remained active in his professional practice for more than four decades.

Harris sought meaningful personal and spiritual relationships in addition to his professional achievements. He attended religious services on Sundays but visited many different churches rather than aligning himself with one congregation.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- February 7 – Rubel Castle, Glendora 10:30
- February 18 – Covina Rotary Board Mtg
- February 19 – Club Dark
- February 20 – Jim Speer’s Celebration of Life 11:00 SHCC
- February 20-21 PETS (Presidents Elect Training Seminar)
- February 23 – Rotary International’s 110th birthday
- February 25 – Membership meeting Azo Vino 5:00
- February 26 – 4way speech contest
- March 14 – District 5300 Peace Conference
- March 21 – Fun Run
- April 11 – District Assembly
- April 17 – 18 RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)