



This Week: FOUR WAY SPEECH CONTEST- This week we will host our club's Four Way Speech Contest. Contestants from our local high schools will compete for cash prizes, and the opportunity to compete in the Group, Regional and District contests.

This year's theme is Light Up Rotary.

Students will share perspectives on the Four-Way Test.

Each speem must be based on Herb Taylor's famous statement on business ethics.

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The contest schedule is as follows:

February: Club Level
March: Group Level
April: Regional Level
May: District Level

Thank you to Tricia Vagt for your hard work organizing this event.

Does anyone know Phillip Talarico? If you have any input, please contact the club secretary, Tom Patronite, or Pres. Jon.

LAST WEEK: A wonderful Celebration of Life for James A. Speer – Last week we celebrated the life of a special man, Jim Speer. Jim was a father, grandfather, great grandfather, Rotarian and wonderful friend to many. We had a packed room, with tributes to his life. A special thank you to Jerry and Marci Smith for organizing and acting as Master of Ceremonies.

Lina Ledford led us in a champagne toast:

"Let us raise our glasses and give a toast to our dear friend, Jim Speer, a man of integrity who we honor and respect."

"A true Rotarian whose life we celebrate today."

"His LEADERSHIP inspired us and guided us in many ways;"

"His ENCOURAGEMENT gave us confidence in doing things our way;"

"His KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY enriched the lives of many in this world."

"His FRIENDSHIP AND LOVE welcomed us and assured us of our place in this Rotary world."

"To Jim, we promise to carry on what you had lived for – the ideal of Service Above Self!"

"We will embrace your past with REMEMBRANCE and face the future a desire to follow your EXAMPLE."



NEXT WEEK: We have a surprise line up for you.

Happy Birthday Rotary International

PART III Rotary History

Two weeks ago, we ended the series with "Life with Jean"

A written record

Harris wanted to write a special message for all Rotarians to read, but at the time Rotary had no way to spread the word. Chesley R. Perry, Rotary's first general secretary, suggested creating a publication to disseminate news and club business, with the cost offset by advertisers. Thus, the "National Rotarian," later "The Rotarian," was born.

Harris's article "[Rational Rotarianism](#)" appeared on the front page of the first issue in January 1911. He wrote "[Passing Our Tenth Milestone](#)" to commemorate Rotary's 10th anniversary in the February 1915 issue.

In his book "This Rotarian Age" (1935), Harris explored what causes people to do good things and described how Chicago in 1905 was ripe for the kind of change Rotary could offer. He also addressed Rotary's future challenges and its potential as a force for world peace.

The end of an era

Paul Harris died January 27, 1947. He is buried at Mount Hope Cemetery on the South Side of Chicago. Silvester Schiele, the first president of the Rotary Club of Chicago, is buried a few feet away. Jean Harris is buried in Scotland.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- March 3- Field of Valor 12:00 McIntyre Office
- March 5 – Dan Stover Music Contest
- March 14 – District 5300 Peace Conference
- March 21 – Fun Run
- April 11 – District Assembly
- April 17 – 18 RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)
- May 14-17 District Conference – go to District5300.org to register