

Perry Rotary Club's 100th Anniversary

This year marks Perry Rotary Club's 100th anniversary. In December of 1923 community members met at the Masonic Temple and decided to organize a Rotary Club here in Perry after learning of this growing service organization. A group from the club in Dansville, NY, came to that meeting as the sponsoring club, and in January of 1924 the Perry Rotary Club received its charter.

The purpose of Rotary is to promote Goodwill, Peace, and Service to others through the fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. And the Perry Rotary Club has lived up to that for 100 years.

Rotary was started in Chicago, IL, on February 23, 1905, by Paul Harris and three of his business associates—Gustave Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey. Since that time Rotary has grown to over 1.4 million members in over 46,000 clubs around the world. Paul Harris, Rotary's founder, attended a meeting in Perry in 1926.

To celebrate the Club's 100th anniversary there will be a community picnic on Saturday, June 15th in the Village Park, so save that date for a fun day.

This is the first of several articles on the history of the Perry Rotary Club's accomplishments and interesting facts that have made this Club so successful.

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