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His was an inspiration—a longing for companionship—a deep felt hope that men might come to know each other better, be more friendly, and through cooperation and community service, assist those who were less fortunate. He little dreamed that the idea of conducting rotating meetings in the offices of friends would soon grow to international proportions.

As Rotary promised growing popularity (he was president of the National Association formed in 1910, and was the first head of the International formed soon thereafter) young Paul Harris was quick to seize upon the fact that there were other, better things to teach than mere efficiency in business. He soon learned that Rotary taught and exemplified that "he who serves best profits most." He also discovered that the spirit of Rotary dignified business and professional men and inspired in them a worthy purpose which, in time, forced upon them a full realization of their responsibility to society.

Rotarians in our land and in many other lands have translated idealism into service. The results produced by this great brotherhood are apparent on every hand. Crippled children were among the first to feel the benevolent and kindly influence of Rotary. In almost every state in the Union and in many nations of the world, thousands of unfortunates are now being cared for and educated in especially constructed hospitals and schools. A goodly portion of the credit for this work, this great and good work, should go to Rotary International and to Paul Harris.

More than 800 American Rotary Clubs have established student loan funds and thereby enabled many worthy young men and women to continue in school and prepare themselves for real service to their country.

The great work goes on. It will live forever, for not one of the 150,000 Rotarians can or will forget his pledge to serve humanity — to provide for the needy, to assist the helpless, to conduct business honestly and to create international good will and understanding.

No man is more deserving of the coveted honor he is about to receive. No man has accomplished a more distinguished service to boyhood than has Paul Percy Harris, Chicago attorney, originator, founder and President Emeritus of Rotary International, vice president of the International Society for Crippled Children. Rotary International as an institution has rendered a service of inestimable value to the Boy Scout Movement. It has rendered a valuable service to Scout Councils throughout the world. It has provided a recruiting field for Scout leaders and Scout officials.

In numerous other ways it has assisted in making effective the program of Scouting to a steadily increasing number of boys. The Silver Buffalo symbolizes the rugged pioneer heritage of the western plains. It also symbolizes the great work of a truly great man. It is an appropriate token which Paul Harris will treasure always. The reward of the Silver Buffalo is made on the basis of a noteworthy service to boyhood—in this instance international in character—yet outside the line of regular duty. The Na-

tional Council of the Boy Scouts of America makes two awards of this character annually. Among those honored in the past are the distinguished Lord Baden-Powell, Daniel Carter Beard, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, Calvin Coolidge, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dwight H. Davis and Admiral Richard Byrd. This year the Honorable Newton D. Baker and Paul Percy Harris were selected for this award. As President of the Boy Scouts of America, it is now my pleasure to present Paul Harris this well deserved honor,—the award of the Silver Buffalo by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The text of the citation of the National Council of Boy Scouts of America, in awarding to President-Emeritus Harris the Silver Buffalo award, was as follows:

Paul Percy Harris. Lawyer, Originator of the Rotary Club Movement, Founder, in Chicago in 1905, of the first Rotary club. President Emeritus of Rotary International. Vice-President of the International Society for Crippled Children, identified with many movements for the welfare of youth. His interest in the boyhood of the country has inspired and given direction to the efforts which have identified the Rotary clubs in every part of the country with such service, including work among under-privileged boys and for crippled children. Rotary clubs have been of inestimable help to the Boy Scout Movement, assisting in the organization of Scout Councils throughout the country, providing a recruiting field for Council leaders and officials, and in numerous other ways helping to carry the program of Scouting to a steadily increasing number of boys.

President Emeritus Harris: In behalf of Rotary International, I accept with a heart full of gratitude this beautiful emblem of good will.

President Nelson: I am sure you all share Paul's pleasure at receiving this beautiful gift, and we as Rotarians appreciate this distinction which has been bestowed upon our distinguished and beloved founder.

President Nelson: I now call for nominations for the position of President of Rotary International for 1934-35. I recognize Will R. Manier, Jr., of Nashville, Tennessee.

Rotarian Will R. Manier (Nashville, Tenn.): Will Manier of the Rotary Club of Nashville, Tennessee, places in nomination, for the office of president of Rotary International, Rotarian R. L. Hill of Columbia, Missouri, U.S.A.

President Nelson: According to the by-laws, each nomination is entitled to two secondings. Are there any secondings?

Rotarian Bruce Richardson (Winnipeg, Canada): Bruce Richardson of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Canada, seconds the nomination of Rotarian