

# Welcome To Rotary

Tuesday  
May 10, 2016

## Today's Program

**Today's Song:** America the Beautiful - Harry Morris

**Today's Invocation:** Judy Bynum

**Health & Happiness:** Max Hyde

**Today's Program:** The Story of a POW - Ted Ballard

## Last Week's Program

Our guest speaker last week was Jason Zacher, Executive Director of the Upstate Chamber Coalition, who spoke about the many issues regarding improvement of roads in South Carolina. Our lawmakers have not increased the gas tax that maintains our highways in thirty years. The Senate has passed a bill to spend \$400M from the general fund, but there is no provision for recurring funds for road maintenance and construction.

## Upcoming Programs

- May 17 Entrepreneurial Activity in South Carolina  
- John "Swamp Fox" Warner
- May 24 District 7's Musical - All Shook Up!
- May 31 New Member Talks
- June 7 Spartanburg Little Theatre - John Coffman

# CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!



## Rotary's Founder

In the fall of 1900, **Paul P. Harris** met fellow attorney Bob Frank for dinner on the north side of Chicago. They walked around the area, stopping at shops along the way. Harris was impressed that Frank was friendly with many of the shopkeepers. Harris had not seen this kind of camaraderie among businessmen since moving to Chicago in 1896. He wondered if there was a way to channel it because it reminded him of growing up in Wallingford, Vermont. Harris eventually persuaded local businessmen to join him in a club for community and fellowship. His vision laid the foundation for Rotary.

On 23 February 1905 Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey gathered at Loehr's office in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. **This was the first Rotary club meeting.**