

Rotary's 1944 International Conference

It is my pleasure to issue this Official Call for the thirty-fifth annual meeting of Rotary International, which is to be held on May 15-18, 1944, in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

Wartime conditions make it imperative that the program of the international conference this year be streamlined to meet the essential requirements of the organization. Therefore, attendance at the conference will be limited, as nearly as possible to delegates only, for the purpose of electing officers and for the consideration of necessary legislation. There will be no entertainment features, banquets and receptions. Because of travel difficulties and the uncertainty of being able to provide adequate housing facilities the attendance of ladies is not encouraged.

Rotary clubs are entitled to one delegate for each fifty members or major fraction thereof. Each club is entitled to at least one voting delegate. Just as Rotarians are expected to attend club meetings, Rotary clubs are expected to be represented at this international conference, either in person or by proxy.



President, Rotary International
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A Service of Thanksgiving

A Rotarian of Davenport, Iowa, recently proposed a plan for church services in every church or place of worship in the United States, first, following the peace in Europe, and second, following the capitulation of Japan.

Recalling the day and night of bedlam, noise and confusion on November 11, 1918, this Rotarian feels that when the day to which we are all looking forward, finally arrives, it should not be devoted to frenzied noisemaking, but rather to giving thanks for the victory so dearly won. He proposes that every church, temple or other place of worship in the nation be open from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. so that people may go there to say a prayer of thanksgiving. He feels that special services sponsored by laymen, in the various churches, should be held, and the sermon, if any, should stress the nation's part in the post-war world.

The proposed celebration should have widespread publicity beforehand. The author of the plan has prepared an advertisement to be published in the newspapers of Davenport, announcing that a special Thanksgiving Service will be held in the churches of all faiths at 10:30 a.m., and inviting all citizens, whether they be church members or non-members to attend. Editors of Davenport newspapers have agreed to publish this advertisement when the great day arrives.

The plan, originally proposed for Davenport, has become known in other parts of the United States and is meeting with an enthusiastic reception. Religious organizations, service organizations, prominent newspaper editors, clergymen, men in public life, and others, are manifesting a keen interest in the proposal.

It is obvious that since no one knows when Armistice Day will come, plans for such a Thanksgiving Service in each community must be in readiness so that they may be put into effect on very short notice.

This would seem to be an idea which would appeal to Rotary clubs throughout the entire world, with plans to be made, of course, in conformity with the customs of each country.

Let the Community Know

It is important for clubs to keep the public properly informed as to their general activities and achievements. This is not for the sake of gaining prestige for the club, but rather to let the community know that the Rotary club is a service organization that stands ready at all times to cooperate and take the lead in worthwhile community projects.

—Will W. Jackson,
Governor, District 129

1944-45 Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of R.I. which will assume office on 1 July will be composed of:

- The President
- The Immediate Past President
- 1 Director from Canada and Newfoundland
- 1 Director from Great Britain and Ireland
- *5 Directors from the United States of America
- *5 Directors from other regions not aforementioned



Robert J. Boyd

Club: Panama City, Panama
Classification: ocean shipping

Name of firm: **Boyd Brothers**
Position with firm: **Vice president**
How many years a Rotarian: **15**
Present position in Rotary: **None**
Positions held in Rotary in past:
Served as president of his club.



J. M. A. Ilott

Club: Wellington, New Zealand
Classification: advertising service

Name of firm: **J. Ilott, Ltd.**
Position with firm: **Governor director**
How many years a Rotarian: **19**
Present position in Rotary: **Director of R.I., 1943-44**
Positions held in Rotary in past:
Served as president of his club;
Governor, 53rd district, 1934-35.

(*For the Rotary year 1944-45 there will be only four directors nominated from the U.S.A. and four from "other countries." Director John B. Reilly of Whittier, Calif. (from Zone 1) and Director Carlos M. Collignon of Guadalajara, Mexico, will serve a second term in 1944-45.)



C. Harald Trolle

Club: Kalmar, Sweden
Classification: commercial banking

Name of firm: **Svenska Handelsbanken**
Position with firm: **Managing director**
How many years a Rotarian: **10**
Present position in Rotary: **None**
Positions held in Rotary in past:

- Served as president of his club;**
- Governor, 78th district, 1936-38;**
- Member, European Advisory Committee, 1936-40;**
- Member, Extension Committee, 1938-40;**
- Chairman, CENAEM Regional Extension Committee, 1939-40;**
- Member, Committee on Participation of Rotarians in Post War World, 1942-43.**

(Rotarian Trolle has been nominated by the board to serve as a director of R.I. for the Rotary years 1944-45 and 1945-46.)



Chengting T. Wang

Club: Chungking, China

Name of firm: **Chinese Red Cross**
How many years a Rotarian: **11**
Present position in Rotary: **Administrative Adviser for Free China;**
Member, Relief for War-Affected Rotarians Committee.

Positions held in Rotary in past:
Honorary Commissioner for China, Hong Kong and the Philippines, 1934-35;
Governor, 81st district, 1935-36;
Member, Relief for War-Affected Rotarians, 1942-43 Committee.