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1 minute to discover an aspect of Rotary

The origins of the Rotary wheel

The first Rotary Club in Chicago began by using a cartwheel that symbolized civilization and movement.

Shortly thereafter, the words "Rotary Club" were added above it.

Each new Club created chose this emblem, often supplemented by the name of its city.

In 1910, the Philadelphia Rotary Club proposed the cogwheel, illustrating the joint work to achieve a goal.

In 1912, the Association of Rotary Clubs validated this wheel, adding "Rotary International"

For several years, the number and shape of teeth varied, until the adoption of a new wheel at the Dallas Convention in 1929, which is still in use today.

It includes:

1. 6 spokes
2. 24 teeth symbolizing the spirit of service at any hour of the day
3. As well as a keying groove to lock the wheel on its axis and makes it functional

