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The first international Club: Winnipeg, Canada

The establishment of the first international Rotary Club in Winnipeg, Canada, in 1910 marked a turning point for the movement.

Expanding beyond the United States, Rotary began its journey toward becoming a truly global organization.

Chesley Perry, secretary of the Chicago club, played a key role in founding the Winnipeg club, where local businessmen embraced Rotary's ideals of professional networking and community service.

This international expansion brought challenges, such as adapting Rotary's principles to different cultural and legal contexts, but it also demonstrated the universal appeal of its values.

The success of the Winnipeg club encouraged further international growth, first across Canada and then to Europe and beyond.

This expansion broadened Rotary's vision, emphasizing its potential to promote international understanding and peace.

Ultimately, the Winnipeg club laid the foundation for Rotary's multicultural and global character, marking the beginning of a new era for the organization.

