



The Rotarian Minute *History*

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1' to discover an aspect of Rotary's history

The 2nd Rotary Club in San Francisco

Manuel MUNOZ, a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago (sponsored by Paul HARRIS himself) was a sales agent and had to travel extensively.

In June 1908, on the eve of a departure for San Francisco, Paul Harris asked him to talk about the Rotary Club if the opportunity arose.

This would forever seal Rotary's fate!

At the Cadillac Hotel in San Francisco, Manuel MUNOZ met a 28-year-old lawyer, Homer Wood, told him about the Rotary Club of Chicago and found an enthusiastic welcome.

Homer WOOD then got in touch with Paul HARRIS who gave him the desired explanations; both drew up the statutes and the internal rules of this second club which was born a month later.

The event was widely reported in the local press which attracted new members.

By January 1909, 3 months later, the club already had a hundred members.

