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1 minute to discover an aspect of Rotary's history

Why wear the Rotary wheel?

Wearing the Rotary wheel in one's buttonhole is a tradition that expresses belonging, commitment, and the ideal of service.

Born in the early days of Rotary, the wheel symbolizes movement, action and collective dynamism.

Its spokes and teeth form a unified whole: each member contributes to the functioning of the whole, just as each element of a wheel participates in its movement.

The keyway, added in 1924, is a reminder that the wheel is designed to transmit force: it thus evokes the passage from will to concrete action.

The pin worn by the Rotarian is therefore a discreet sign of recognition between members, but also a daily reminder of their responsibilities.

It means that belonging to Rotary is not limited to an identity: it involves participating, serving and acting together for the benefit of the community.

The wheel is thus the living symbol of a Rotary in motion, united by common values.

