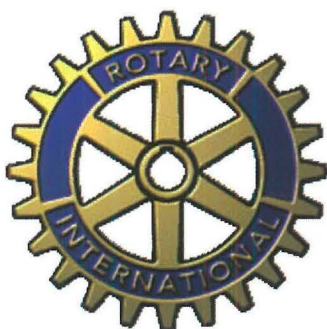


50 Years of Rotary in Malta (1967-2017)

A philatelic celebration tracing the origin of Rotary International (1905) up to the 50th Anniversary of Rotary Club Malta (2017)



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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Origin of Rotary

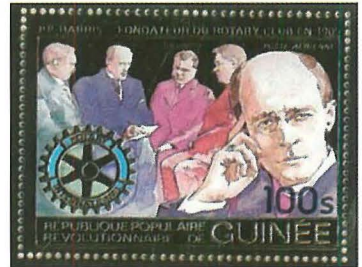
Rotary was founded in Chicago, U.S.A. by **Paul Percy Harris (1868-1947)**. He was a practicing attorney. Together with three other businessmen he decided to find a club which in his own words would offer: *“fraternity without rituals, passwords and secrets”*, in contrast to some other clubs then in existence.



*Paul Harris. Founder of Rotary.
St. Lucia 1980.*

The first meeting took place in one of the members' office on **23rd February 1905**. The name **'ROTARY'** derived from the practice of rotating meetings among members' offices and formed the basis of the Rotary logo.

Over the years Rotary spread far and wide and at present there are some 1.2 million members world-wide.



*February, 1905. The first Rotary club meeting. Paul Harris with three other business friends.
Rep. of Guinea.*

ROTARY AT A GLANCE

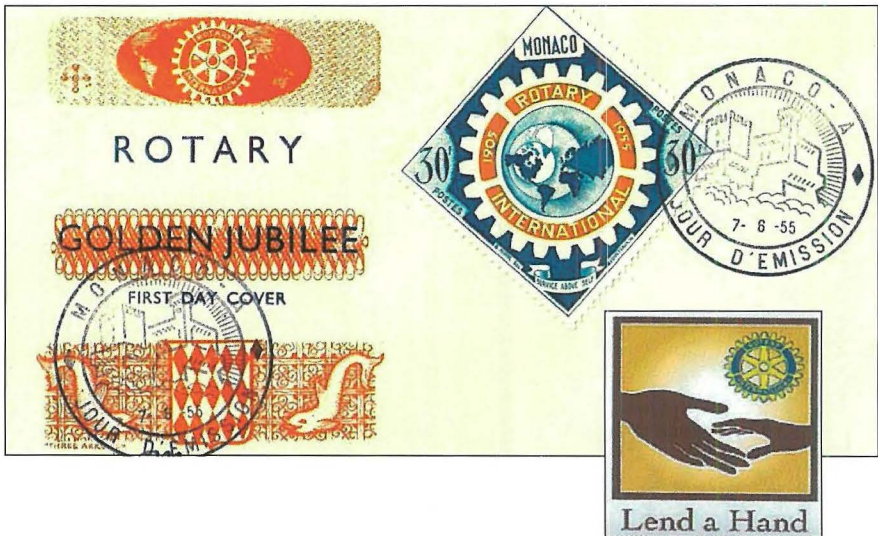
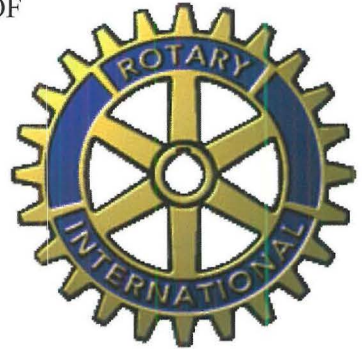
ROTARY IS A SERVICE CLUB CONSISTING OF ACTIVE CITIZENS OF ANY COMMUNITY
ITS BUSINESS IS MANKIND
ITS MOTTO IS “SERVICE ABOVE SELF”.

Rotary clubs meet weekly, are non-political, non-religious, and open to all cultures, races and creeds. There are 1.9 million Rotarians worldwide in over 34,000 clubs. Women are admitted as members.

Rotarians address and initiate community projects relevant to their community such as the environment, illiteracy, human rights and drug abuse.

Many Rotarians are prominent people, leaders in their field, who volunteer their efforts to improve the quality of life in their own communities and beyond.

Rotarians also work with and for youth. **Rotaract clubs** (for young adults) address challenges facing young people today.





THE ROTARY EMBLEM

“SERRATED WHEEL”

The serrated wheel emblem was a natural outcome of the fact that Paul Harris and his friends had decided on the name ‘Rotary’ for their fraternity group. In time it became widely recognised and has been depicted on hundreds of stamps issued world-wide. It transmits a feeling of perpetual motion and motivation in “*Service above Self*” which is the unifying concept of Rotary Clubs throughout the world.



Rotary Emblem. Serrated Wheel Italia 1970.

“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

The unifying motto of Rotary has been depicted on many stamps as on the following examples:

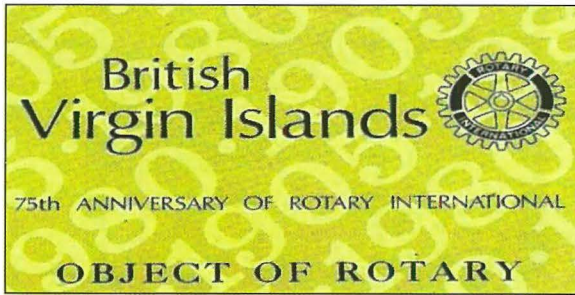


SERVICE ABOVE SELF:

SWAZILAND 1980. shows the Rotary Headquarters, Evanston, U.S.A.

SURINAME 1980. Serrated Wheel and Hands of Friendship.

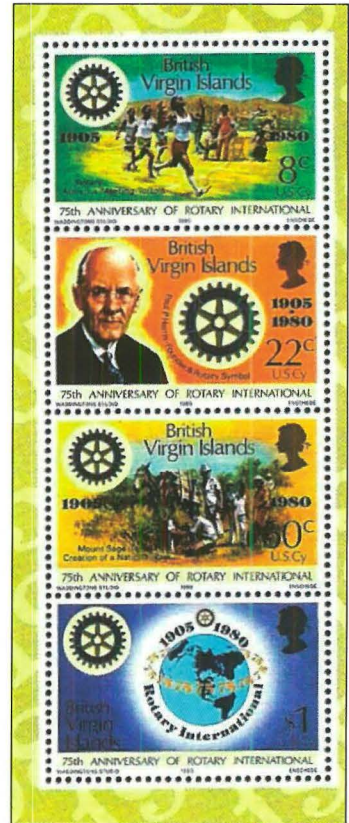
TRANSKEI 1980. 75TH Anniversary of Rotary



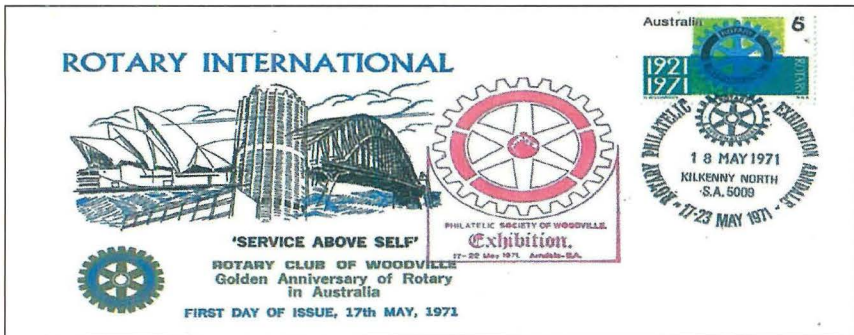
Over the years Rotary developed strong guiding principles which serve as a foundation for members to inter relate with each other and to guide them on the *modus operandi* to provide a service to the community as a worthy enterprise.

The *four overriding principles* which form the object of Rotary are:

- To encourage acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- To adopt high ethical standards in one's profession;
- Every Rotarian should adopt the ideal of service to the community
- The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through international fellowship.

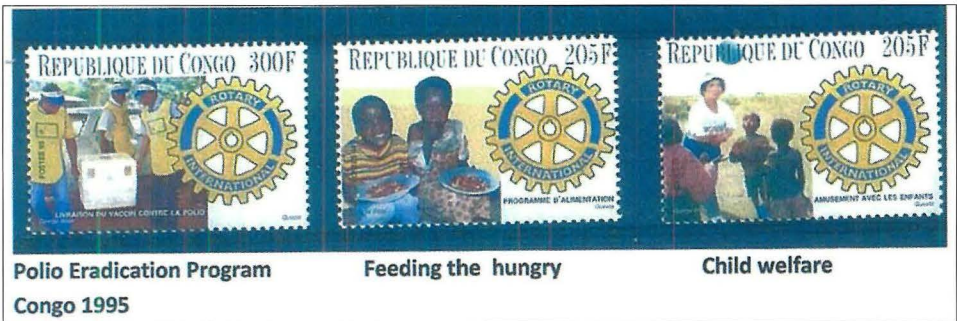


These basic principles underlying the object of Rotary were highlighted in a mini sheet issued by the British Virgin Islands in 1980 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Rotary International

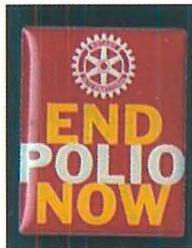


Rotary's Social Conscience in the Service of Mankind

As Rotary grew its mission expanded beyond serving professional and social interests of club members to focus on helping serve the communities in need. Some of Rotary's humanitarian activities include:



Rotary's Polio Eradication Programme



In 1985 Rotary made a historic commitment to immunise all the world's children against poliomyelitis. Combining with the Bill Gates Foundation, Rotary raised millions of U.S. dollars for the cause. To date over one billion children have been immunised world-wide with almost complete eradication of the disease.

Rotary's Polio Programme has been described as the finest humanitarian programme by a non-governmental organisation. The challenge today is to prevent this debilitating disease coming back

Several stamps have commemorated this remarkable achievement, examples of which are shown hereunder.



India 1987. Congo. Polio Immunisation Programme.



Kenya 1994. Polio Plus



Chicago, U.S.A. was the birth place of Rotary in 1905. Its founder, Paul P. Harris, is shown on this FDC, together with an image of the Rotary headquarters in Evanston, Illinois. Date of issue 23 February 1955, to commemorate the 50th anniversary.

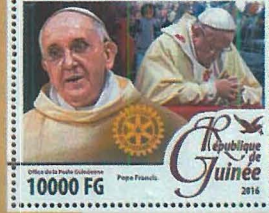


The Rotary Club of London was formed in 1911 and was the first Rotary Club to be chartered outside North America. It has sponsored many other Rotary Clubs in the Greater London Area. Different nationalities and religions as well as Ambassadors form part of its membership. The FDC above (issued in 2001) is signed by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Some Famous Rotarians

- Angela Merkel
- Neil Armstrong
- John F. Kennedy
- Pope Francis

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Walt Disney.

The First Rotary Commemorative Stamps

Austria 1931. S.g. 666-71



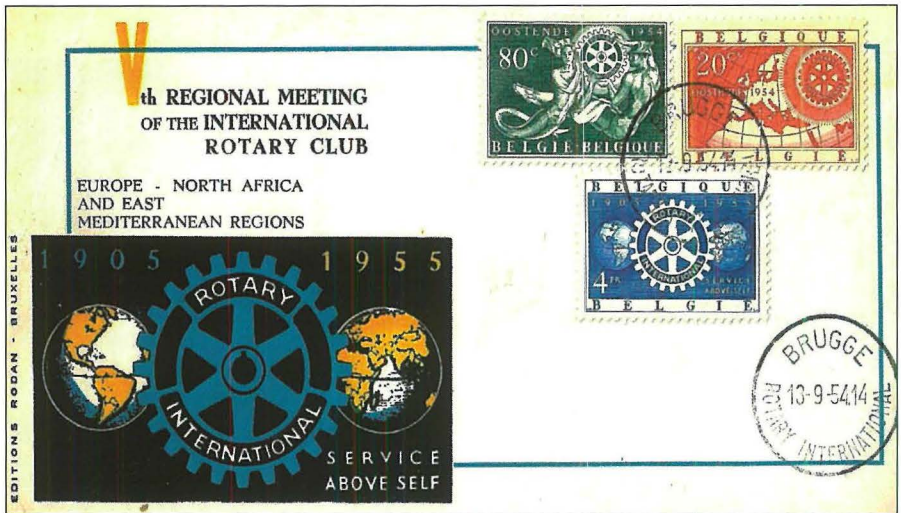
The first Rotary commemorative stamps were issued by Austria to commemorate the 22nd Rotary International Convention held in Vienna in June 1931. Six stamps were overprinted by the Austrian Government for this purpose and all 50,000 stamps were sold out by the second day of the convention. These have become much sought-after collectors' items.

Since then several hundreds of stamps commemorating Rotary have been issued by almost every country in the world. A few examples will be shown in the following pages.

Rotary In Europe



ITALY 1973



BELGIUM 1955



MONACO
1967



LUXEMBOURG
1965



S. MARINO
1970



GREECE
1978

Rotary In South America



BRAZIL 1968



MEXICO



COLOMBIA 1976



CHILE 1960



PERU 1970

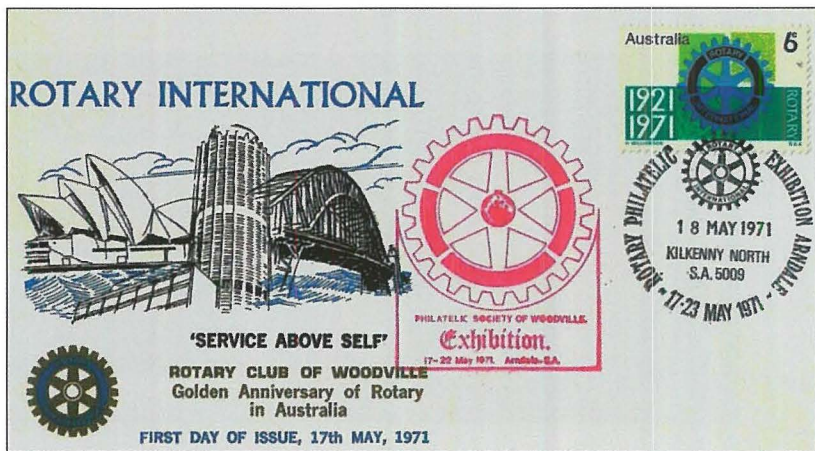


DOMINICA 1993



URUGUAY 1969

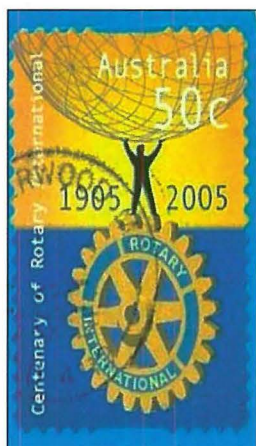
Rotary In Oceania



AUSTRALIA



AUSTRALIA 1955



AUSTRALIA 2005



Rotary In Africa



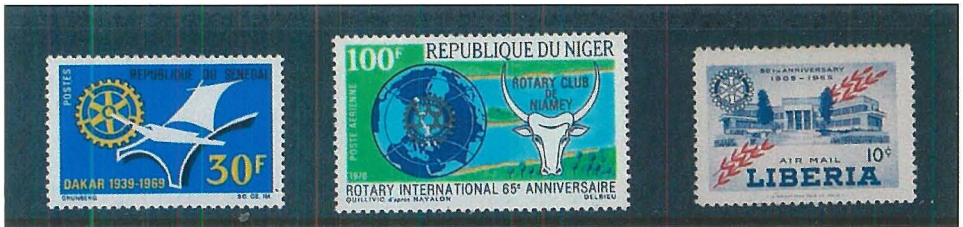
TOGO 1995



ZAMBIA 1980

MOROCCO 1968

CONGO 1980



SENEGAL 1969

NIGER 1970

LIBERIA 1955

Rotary In Africa (2)



MALAWI 1980

CAMEROUN 1967

UGANDA 1980

MALI

ROTARY 50TH ANNIVERSARY (1905-1955)

For Rotary's 50th anniversary, 27 nations commemorated Rotary on postage stamps. Most featured the Rotary emblem and depicted typical scenes of the issuing countries or a portrait of the founder Paul. P. Harris.



GUATEMALA

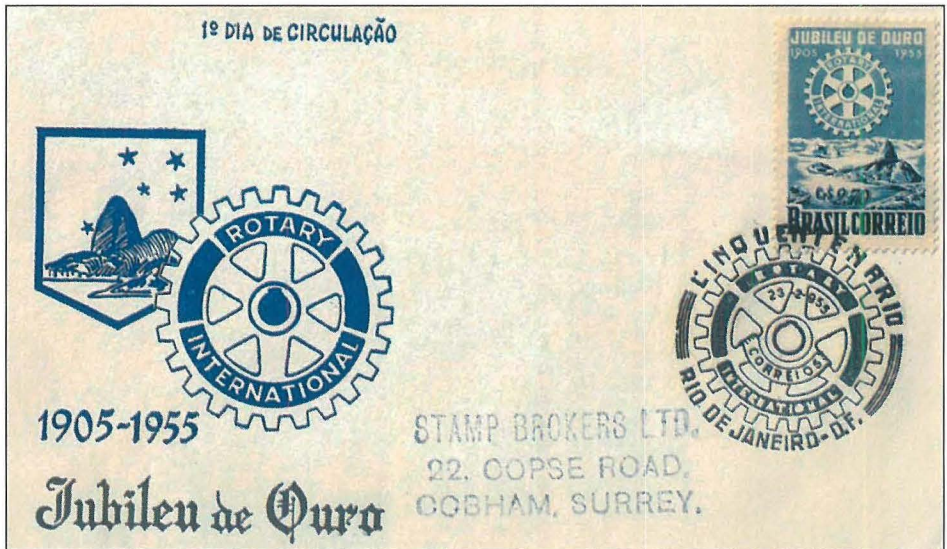


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ROTARY JUBILEE (1905-1955)



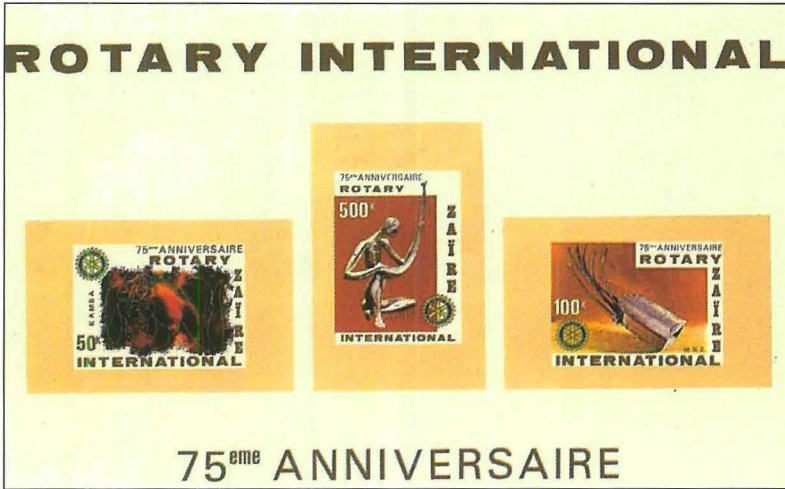
CUBA



BRAZIL

ROTARY 75TH ANNIVERSARY (1905-1980)

For Rotary's 75th anniversary (1980) some 60 commemorative stamps were issued world-wide. Apart from the Rotary emblem and portrait of Rotary Founder Paul P. Harris many stamps included symbolic depictions of Rotary's ideals, projects and humanitarian activities such as PolioPlus.



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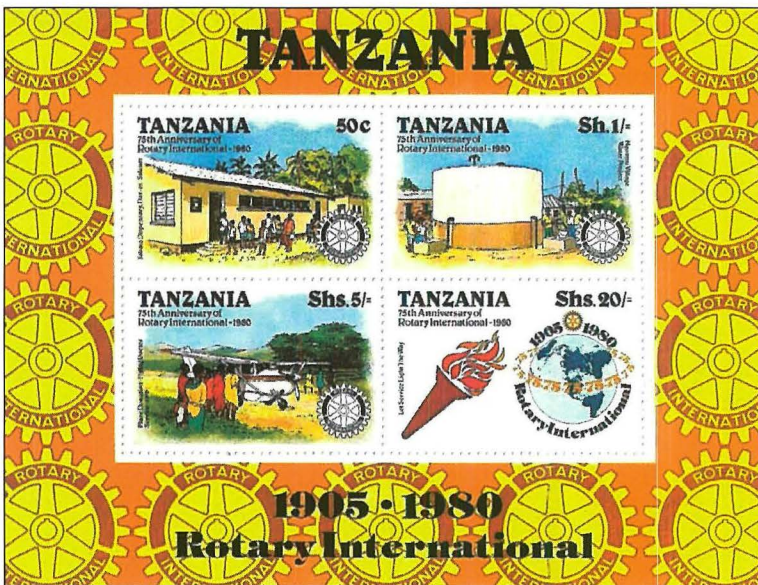


ARGENTINA

ROTARY 75TH ANNIVERSARY (1905-1980)

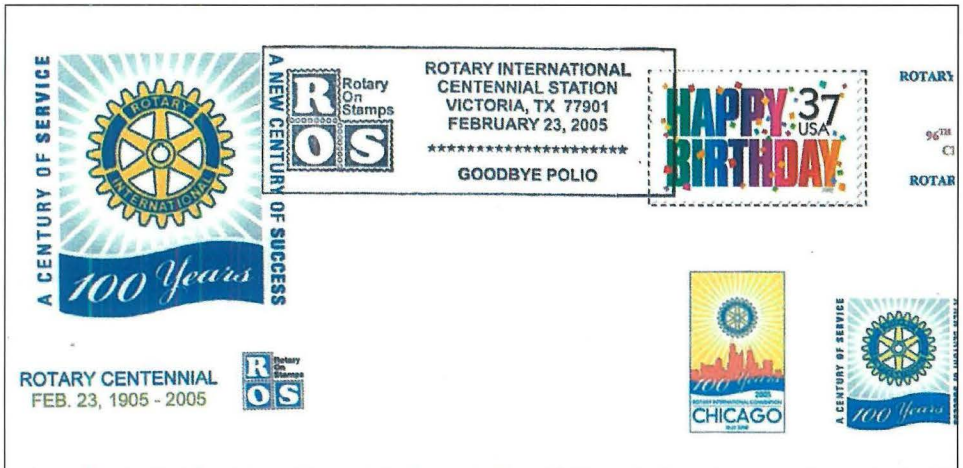


Cook Islands

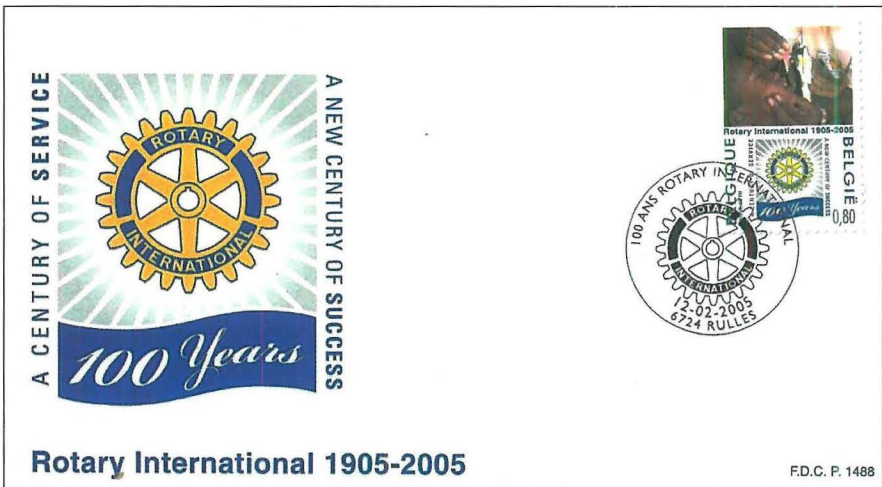
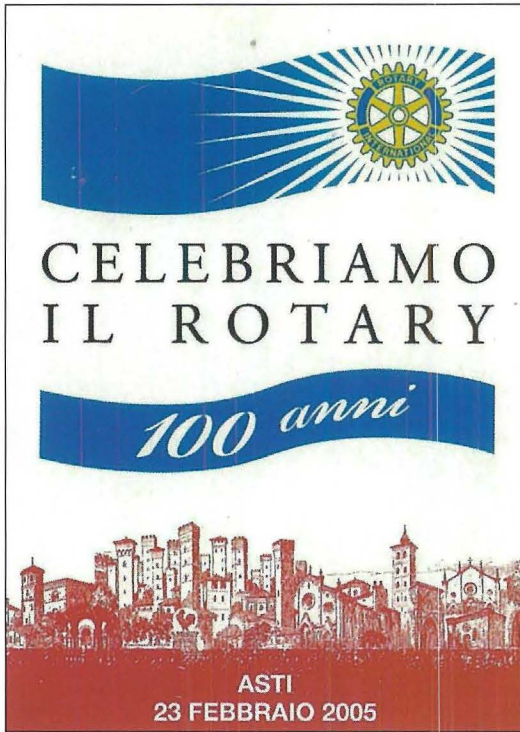


Celebrating 100 Years Of Rotary 1905 – 2005

In the year 1905 the germ of an idea in the mind of an idealist, Paul P. Harris, transformed into the first Service Club and eventually sprouted into a forest of clubs worldwide with millions of members dedicated to helping mankind: “Service before Self”. In 2005, Rotary’s centenary year was celebrated by many countries, including Malta, with the issue of hundreds of stamps. A few samples are reproduced here.

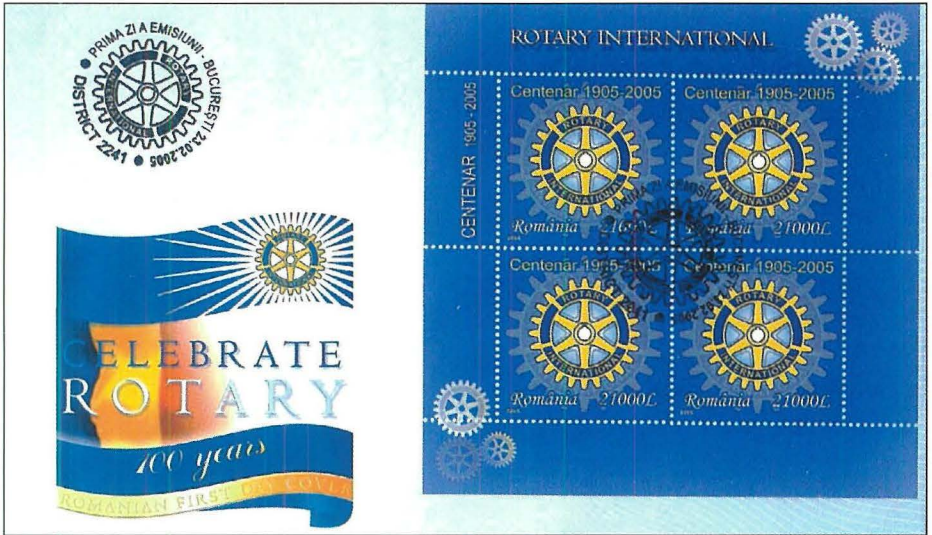


Celebrating 100 Years Of Rotary

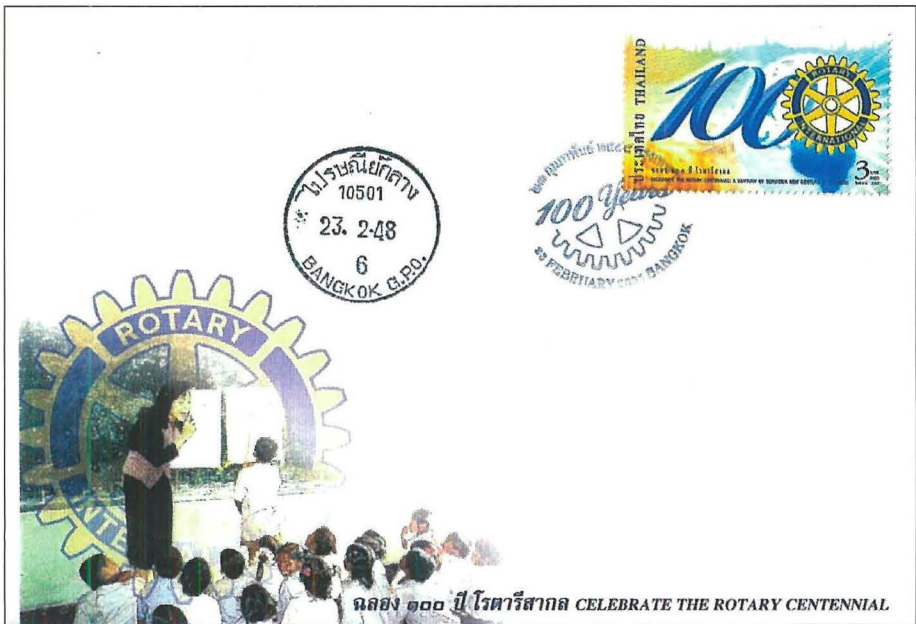


Belgium

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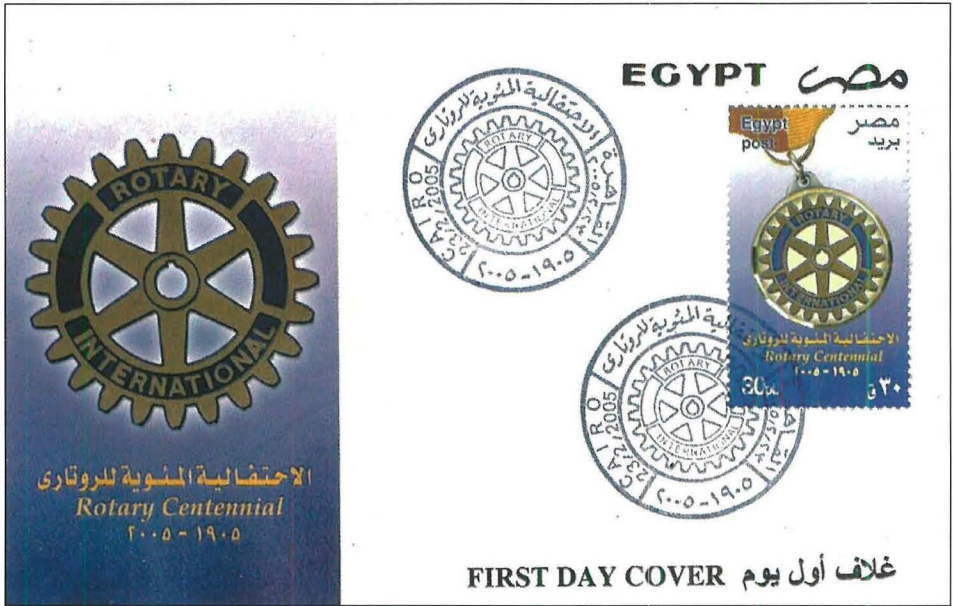


Romania



Thailand

Celebrating 100 years of Rotary



New Zealand

ROTARY MALTA

50Th Anniversary (1967 – 2017)

Rotary International was launched in Malta fifty years ago in 1967. **Rotary Club Malta** was chartered on 6 October 1967. The first President was the late Anthony Miceli Farrugia. In the 50th anniversary year the Presidents were Carmel Lino Cutajar (2016-7) and Robert Ghirlando (2017-8).

Two other Rotary clubs have been established: Rotary Club La Vallette (2002) and Rotary Club Gozo (2007). All clubs attached to Rotary Malta have over the years supported or initiated important projects for the service of the community (both local and foreign).



*Paul Harris (Rotary founder)
with Dar il-Kaptan and childrens'
ambulance (local Rotary projects) in
background*

Carmel Lino Cutajar
President Rotary Club Malta
2016 - 2017

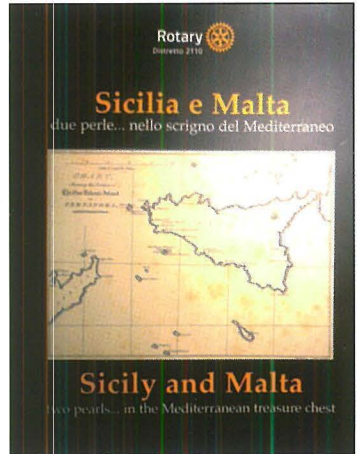
John De Giorgio
Governor District 2110
(Sicily & Malta)

Robert Ghirlando
President Rotary Club Malta
2017-2018

Rotary District 2110

Sicily And Malta

Since 1978 Rotary Malta has formed part of the Sicily-Malta district of Rotary International (District 2110). To date five local Rotarians have served as District Governors. As Rotary Club Malta celebrates its 50th anniversary the District Governor happens to be Maltese, John De Giorgio.



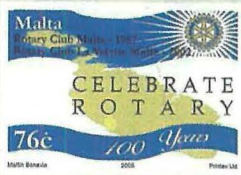


2004. Commemorating the Congress of District 2110 (Sicily & Malta) in Palermo. In 2018 the District Congress takes place in Malta with John De Giorgio as District Governor.

Malta Post Honours Rotary Malta


On 23 February 2005, the 100 Centenary Year of Rotary International, Malta Post issued two stamps to commemorate this event. The 27c stamp shows Dar il-Kaptan, while the 76c stamp the Rotary celebration logo with the names of the two local established Rotary clubs.

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Rotary Malta 50TH Anniversary

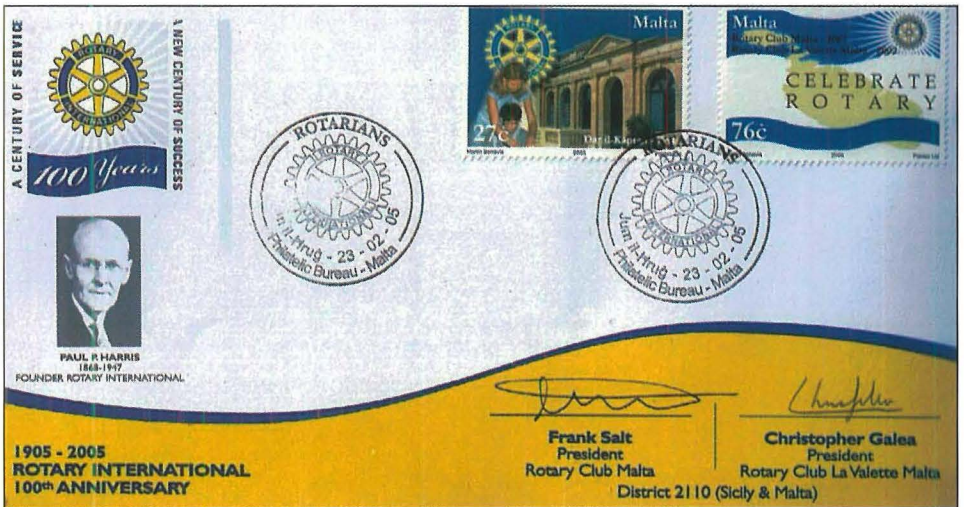
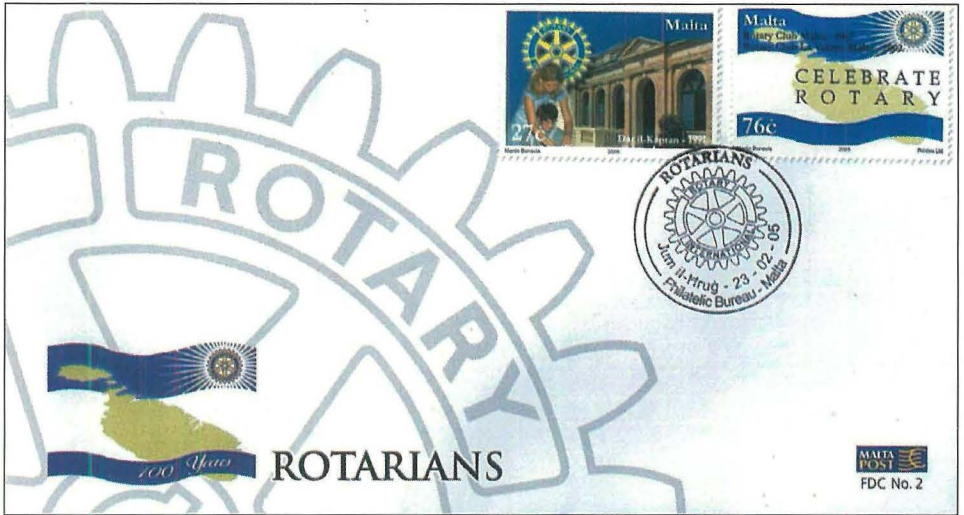
DAR IL-KAPTAN

A respite home at Mtarfa for people with special needs, which owes a great deal for its inception in 1989 to Rotary Club Malta which continues to provide financial and material support for this humanitarian project, a service to the Maltese community.



Malta Post 2005.
Dar il-Kaptan.

50 Years of Rotary in Malta



Celebrating 50 years of Rotary in Malta

