

CLUB 33 HISTORY MINUTE – 7/9/2009

In anticipation of Rotary Club 33's Centennial in 2011, let's take a look back to where we've been and what we've done since 1911...Our club got off to an unusual start in that the only Rotarian present at the very first meeting was Mr. Gordon Proudfoot of the Chicago Rotary Club. The meeting was called by Ernest Shields and Gordon Gray, and was held in the Bivouac Grill on the basement floor of the San Diego Hotel in early September, 1911. Mr. Shields had been a resident of Chicago and together with Mr. Proudfoot had applied for membership in Chicago Club#1. Proudfoot had joined, but Shields moved on to San Diego, and brought the idea for a San Diego Rotary Club with him. Mr. Shields talked up the idea with his attorney Gordon Gray and to Carl Heilbron. Eleven men attended that first meeting and Carl Heilbron was eventually elected our first club president. Mr. Heilbron's classification was Electric Wiring & Fixtures. In the weeks leading up to our Centennial, we'll be reviewing our club's progress and accomplishments with the Club 33 History Minute.