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The Rotary Flag

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In September 1914 the Huston convention appointed a committee to design a flag for all Rotary Clubs. An acceptable design was presented. *"The main portion to be white which is the banner of internationalism and is looked upon as the lily white banner of international amity and goodwill. It stands for advancement among men and nations and is the flag o humanity. In the center of the flag should appear the official emblem of the organization worked out in gold and blue and containing the words "Rotary International". The blue stands for constancy of purpose, and the gold for the pure standard upon which rotates the wheel of eternal progress."*

The flag flew for the first time on 4th of January 1915 at 11 a.m. outside the Baltimore Hotel in Kansas City. It was formally adopted by Rotary International at the 1929 Convention in Dallas, Texas.

Rotarians brought the flag flew over the South Pole in 1929 and the North Pole in 1933. In 1932. other Rotarians reached the record of 18 526 m in a balloon flight and again in 1933 it was taken down to 2 085 m in the Quincy Copper Mine. It was first time in outer space when it was taken around the moon 1968 by a Rotarian astronaut.

Now it is fling on our lunch table in Estoi.

