

## MDRT History Overview

- 1927 MDRT founded during lunch at NALU meeting
- 1930 First international member from Australia, Frank Noble Lowndes
- 1931 Members from Japan
- 1930's "Million Dollar Gang"
- 1949 First staff member, Harriet Preinetz, hired  
Office located at 1 N. LaSalle St., Chicago  
Prior, boxe(s) of records passed from president to president
- 1956, Annual Meeting on *MS Kungsholm*, cruise to Bermuda  
1963
- 1957 Quaife M. Ward hired as the first Executive Director. MDRT receives its 501©6 tax status
- 1959 MDRT Foundation begins
- 1964 Provisional Applicant status created (Arthur Ashe)
- 1967 Annual Meeting held in Lucerne, Switzerland
- 1973 MDRT adopts the Code of Ethics (NALU's was used prior to that.)
- 1974 Office moved from 36 S Wabash to River Road, Des Plaines
- 1977 Top of the Table established
- 1979 Membership exceeds 20,000 (22,847)
- 1985 Court of the Table established
- 1986 Transition from Volume to Commission qualification

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One & only “Family meeting” Orlando, FL 10,770 (w/ guests)

- 1989 Staff moves to 325 W. Touhy Ave purchased from Continental Insurance Company.
- 1992 Home Office Partnership program begins
- 1996 Provisional Applicant status eliminated.  
Late fee for application after March 1 established.  
Mentoring Program begins
- 1999 Limited Credit added
- 2002 Premium qualification added
- 2005 Membership exceeds 30,000 (33,298)
- 2008 Purchasing Power Parity adopted
- 2011 Income qualification and Attest added
- 2014 Membership exceeds 40,000 (42,882)  
Online application offered (12,000 completed)
- 2016 Blended Indices Model adopted
- 2017 Membership exceeds 60,000 (62,771)  
Annual Meeting exceeds 10,000 members (10,873)  
China surpasses USA as #1 country  
MDRT Academy launched
- 2018 First MDRT EDGE meeting for U.S., Canadian members