

Inventory of the

DeKalb Rotary Club
DeKalb, Illinois

Records

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INTRODUCTION

Frank Moore of the DeKalb Rotary Club's Historical Committee donated the clubs records to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on April 2, 1998. An addendum was added at a later date.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records of the DeKalb Rotary Club dates from 1930-1998 and consists of two series: DeKalb Rotary Club Records and Rotary International Records. Series I, DeKalb Rotary Club Records contain histories, membership directories, attendance records, group study exchange information, photographs and the clubs newsletter, The Pepper Box. The newsletter is the official bulletin of the club and includes historical and membership information and activities of the DeKalb club and other clubs in the USA and abroad. Also included in the records are several plaques, a photograph album, and a scrapbook dating 1941-1942. Series II includes publications published by The Rotary International and a audio-visual program entitled, "The Most Important Man."

The addendum includes notebooks containing rosters, bulletins, membership development and finance information, programs, board meeting minutes, brochures, and other records pertaining to the daily running of the DeKalb Rotary Club. Also included are The Pepper Box newsletter, scrapbook items and a Rotary International directory and centennial promotional kit.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The DeKalb Rotary Club was organized on January 22, 1921 under the sponsorship of the Joliet Rotary Club. The Club's founding officers were president, W.W. Wirtz; vice president, E.A. Shetter; secretary, E.E. Woods; treasurer, C.W. Whitten; Sergeant at Arms, Dr. O.W. Nelson.

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster: 1) The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service; 2) High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society; 3) The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business, and community life; 4) The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.

The DeKalb Rotary Club sponsored many projects and programs. In 1923 the club sponsored one of their first projects when the outdoor swimming pool located on South Malta Road opened. The pool was located at the present location of Lions Park.

In September 1926, John McQueen of Kirkland donated land north of Kirkland on the Kishwaukee River to the Club. The land, given in trust to the DeKalb Rotary Club, was to be used to establish a camp ground for Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations in DeKalb County. Totalling 27 acres, the Club built and maintained an outdoor swimming pool, six cottages, a mess hall, administration building, a halfway house, and six wooden screened-in shelters.

The Club also sponsored scholarships for DeKalb High School students, foreign exchange programs for students, and Group Study Exchange Programs for fellow Rotarians. In 1944 the DeKalb Rotary Club sponsored the Sycamore Rotary Club and in 1949 both rotary clubs along with the DeKalb and Sycamore Garden Club planted trees on Route 23 between the two cities.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

DeKalb, Organizations
Rotary Club
DeKalb Rotary Club

COLLECTION INVENTORY

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Series I. Rotary Club of DeKalb Records		
1	1	A Brief History of the Rotary Club of DeKalb, IL from the Date of Organization, January 20, 1921-January 20, 1951
	2	25 th Anniversary, 1946
	3	30 th Anniversary, 1951
	4	34 th Anniversary, 1955
	5	Golden Anniversary, 1971
	6	75 th Anniversary, 1996
	7-11	The Pepper Box, March 9, 1942-June 30, 1947
2	1-5	The Pepper Box, July 7, 1947-June 27, 1953
3	1-6	The Pepper Box, (July 4, 1953-June 9, 1997)
	7	Membership, 1975-1978
	8	Membership Directories/Yearbooks, (1930-1969)
4	1-2	Membership Directories/Yearbooks, (1969-1995)
	3-5	Attendance Record, (1936-1970)
5	1	Attendance Records, January 1964-July 1967
	2	Board of Directors and Committees, 1945-1946, 1974-1975
	3	Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, 1962-1963
	4	Camp Rotary, McQueen Agreement of Operations, 1948
	5	Committees, 1987-1988, 1996-1997, n.d.
	6	Correspondence, 1946-1975
	7	DeKalb High School Interact Club, 1996-1997
	8	The Four Way Test, 1969-1973
	9	Group Study Exchange Program Committee, 1978-1997
	10-11	Group Study Exchange Program Team, 1968-1994
	12	Group Study Exchange Tour, 1974-1988
	13	Newspaper Articles, 1950-1998
	14	Programs, 1978, 1989, n.d.
	15	Questionnaire for Senior Active and Club History Information, n.d.
	16	Roster of Filled and Unfilled Classifications, n.d.
	17	Year Reports, (1986-1991)
	18	Rotary Symbol, Craft Photographs:
	19	30 th Anniversary (1); 50 th Anniversary (4); 75 th Anniversary (1)
	20	Corn Boil-Picnic, August 19, 1996 (10)
	21	Corn Sale, August 3, 1996; August 17, 1996 (10)
6	1-2	Group Shots, 1950, 1954, n.d. (6); negatives 1970 (3)
	3	Installation of Officers, 1982-1983 (6)

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6	4	Portraits, n.d. (8)	
	5-6	Programs and Special Events, 1921-1984 (24); photocopies (4)	
	7	Rotary International Headquarters, Evanston, IL, n.d. (1)	

Series II. Rotary International Records

	8	Annual Conference, 1973, 1980, 1983	
	9	Annual Directory, 1982-1984, 1989-1990	
	10	Club President's Workbook, 1971-1972	
	11	<u>Getting Acquainted with Rotary</u> , 1953	
	12	Golden Anniversary, Rotary Club of Joliet, 1913-1963	
	13	Golden Anniversary, Rotary International, 1955	
	14	Governor Business Cards, 1989-1992	
	15	"The Growth of an Idea" by Chesley R. Perry, Rotary Business Relations Conference, February 9, 1955	
	16	<u>Historical Review of Rotary</u> , 1979	
	17	<u>Manual of Procedure</u> , Rotary International, 1970	
	18	Membership, n.d.	
	19	Rotary Club Decals (5)	
	20	Songs for the Rotary Club, 1966	
	21	<u>Rotary Fifty Years of Service</u> , 1905-1955	
	22	Rotary Foundation, 1984-1985	
	23	Rotary Foundation Annual Report, 1971-1972	
	24	<u>Rotary International Guide to Classifications</u> , 1968	
	25	"This is Rotary," n.d.	
	26	Why Join Rotary? n.d.	
7		The Most Important Man Audio-Visual Program, March 1973	
		Plaques:	
		Academic Achievement Award to Cindy Crawford, 1984	
		Objects of Rotary Plaque	
		Golden Anniversary Plaque, March 1, 1971	
		Photo Album, n.d.	
		Scrapbook, 1941-1942	
		DeKalb Rotary Club Flag, n.d.	

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Photograph: Rotary Club Visit to the American Steel and Wire Company, May 5, 1922
Daily Chronicle – 50th Anniversary of DeKalb Rotary Club Issue, March 27, 1971

ADDENDUM

Series I. Rotary Club of DeKalb Records

8	1-2	Rotary Notebook, 2001-2002
	3-4	Rotary Notebook, 2002-2003
	5	Rotary Notebook, 2003-2004

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9	1	Rotary Notebook, 2003-2004
	2-4	Rotary Notebook, 2004-2005
	5	Weekly Meeting Notices, August 5, 2002-April 14, 2003
	6-7	<u>The Pepper Box</u> Newsletter, July 1, 2002-June 28, 2004
10	1	<u>The Pepper Box</u> Newsletter, July 12, 2004-May 16, 2005
	2	Forster Award, 2005
	3	Rotary Scrapbook Items, 2002-2003
	4	Rotary Scrapbook Items, 2003-2004
	5	Rotary Scrapbook Items, 2004-2005

Series II. Rotary International Records

6	Centennial Promotional Kit, 2002
7	Directory, 2002-2004

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11	1	Rotary Notebook, 2005-2006
	2	Rotary Notebook, 2005-2006, member information
	3	Rotary Notebook, 2005-2006, history
	4	Rotary Notebook, 2005-2006, programs
	5	Rotary Notebook, 2005-2006, Italy trip
	6	Rotary Notebook, 2005-2006, Presidential Citation
	7	Rotary Notebook, 2005-2006, members
	8	Rotary Notebook, 2005-2006, <u>Pepper Box</u>
	9	Rotary Notebook, 2005-2006, Barrington
	10	Rotary Notebook, 2005-2006, District Governors Newsletter