

Rotary Club of St. Catharines Records, 1921-2004

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- Creator:** Rotary Club of St. Catharines
- Extent:** 1.72m textual records (3 cartons, 19 volumes)
37 audio-cassettes
6 video-cassettes
2 C.Ds
18 negatives
68 photographs: col.
105 slides: col.
- Abstract:** Meeting minutes, financial statements, membership rosters, biographies, memorandum, speeches, publications, committee reports, awards, and correspondence.
- Materials:** Typed documents, bound materials, clippings, photographs, audio-cassettes, video-cassettes and CDROM.
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Administrative History:

The first Rotary Club was created in February 1905, by Chicago lawyer Paul P. Harris. Harris envisioned a club which would bring members of the business community closer together. As his vision grew more members were acquired. In order to accommodate everyone, meetings were held at each of the member's place of business; hence the name Rotary Club was adopted. A wagon wheel was chosen as an appropriate symbol to denote the club; which today has become the cogwheel.

By the close of its first year the club had thirty members. Slowly Rotary Clubs began emerging across the country and by 1910 they had become International by moving North to Canada. By 1921 Rotary representation was present in every Continent and in 1922 the name Rotary International had been approved.

The Rotary Club of St. Catharines came into existence on May 19, 1921 under the Charter President Canon Bill Broughall. The Club's beginnings were humble with only twenty-five members; however, by their seventy-fifth anniversary the club had grown to one hundred and forty-four.

The Rotary Club of St. Catharines is a non-profit charity, prescribing to the motto *Service above Self*. This motto is demonstrated through the Clubs numerous contributions to society both locally and internationally. The Club raises funds, supports exchange programs, and participates in community service work. Some of the organizations which have benefited from the Clubs donations; include, Easter Seals, the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre, and the Youth Exchange Program.

Scope and Content: The first series, Administrative Records includes the Board of Director's, Children's Committee and Luncheon meeting minutes, financial statements, and Gossip Sheets newsletters. The second series, Rotary Club Activities includes all of the clubs members, the activities the club has participated in, the events they have sponsored, and the awards the club has received. Some of these events have been documented through multimedia; such as, video,

CD-R and cassette tapes. The shelved volumes are adjacent to the cartons and are all bound materials.

Organization:

The records were arranged into two series:

Series I, Administrative Records 1942-1953, 1965-66, 1971-1997, 1999, 2002-2004

Series II, Rotary Club Activities 1921-2002, 2004

Sub-series A: Members

Sub-series B: Events and Awards

Sub-series C: Multimedia

Series I and two are both arranged alphabetically within the cartons and chronologically within the folders. Sub-series C is not arranged alphabetically due to the nature of the materials, the folders were placed first followed by the physical objects (ex. cassettes).

Inventory:

Series I. Administrative Records, 1942-1953, 1965-66, 1971-1997

- 1.1-1.40 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes; includes budgets, amendments, proposals, agendas, 1965-1966, 1971-2004
- 2.21-2.26 Children's Committee Meeting Minutes, 1982-1991
- 2.1-2.7 Financial statements, 1970-1997, 1999-2003.
- 2.8-2.20 Gossip Sheets, 1942-1953, 2002-2004; includes Rotary Club of St. Catharines luncheon meeting minutes, "ladies night" meeting minutes, clippings, newsletters.
- 2.21 Letters Patent, 1960-1961, 1988, n.d.

Series II Rotary Club Activities, 1921-2002, 2004

Sub-series A: Members

- 3.1 Gerry Wooll, 2000; includes clippings, programs, flyers.
- 3.2 *Highlights*, members magazine, 1982-1984
- 3.3 Honourary Members, c. 1930s-1970s.

- 3.4 Membership lists 1921-1989
- 3.5 Members; includes member photographs prior to 1971
- 3.6 Membership rosters, 1977-1978, 2001-2002
- 3.7 New Members, 1971-1985
- 3.8 Paul Harris Fellows, c. 1930s-1970s; includes pictures and biographies.
- 3.9 Presidents, c. 1960s-1990s; includes listings of club presidents, director and officers.
- 3.10 President's Addresses, 1982-1989; includes inaugural and retiring.
- 3.11 President's Biographies, 1971-1985
- 3.12 Rodger Allan, District Governor, 1988, 1995-1998, 2000-2001, n.d.; includes addresses, meeting minutes, program, clippings, newsletter.
- 3.13 Rotarians in the News, 1981-1988, 1996, 1999-2000, n.d.; includes clippings.
- 3.14 Rylarians, 1977-1986

Sub-series B: Events and Awards

- 3.15 Ambassadorial Scholars of the Rotary Foundation 1991-1996; includes student profiles, correspondence, photographs.
- 3.16-3.18 Anniversary 60th (1981), 75th (1996), 80th (2001)
- 3.19 Awards and Citations, 1984-1985, 1995-1997, 1999-2000, n.d.
- 3.20 Camp Enterprise 1984/1985; includes correspondence, brochures, questionnaires, schedules.
- 3.47 Dinner: "Celebration of Friendship", 1995
- 3.21-3.25 Easter Seals Committee 1996-2002; includes limited meeting minutes.

- 3.26-3.28 Easter Seals district council 1999-2001
- 3.29 Easter Seals Gala 1997-2001
- 3.30 Essay Contest Clippings, 1996-197, n.d.
- 3.31 Friendship Garden 1983 (photographs).
- 3.32 Lakewood Camp, c. 1954, n.d. original building program (photographs).
- 3.33 Ljubljana Charter Night, 1990, 1995, n.d.
- 3.34 Malawi Orthopaedic Assistants Training Project 1985-1995
- 3.35 Money Tree Project – fund for crippled children 1964 (photos)
- 3.36 Rotaract Club (Brock), 1999, 2001-2003, n.d.; includes correspondence, Rotaract handbook, schedules, flyers, overheads, photo, clippings.
- 3.37 Rotary Events, 1950-1951, 1953, 1957, 1960, 1988, n.d. (photographs).
- 3.38 Rotary Medalists, 1935-1985; includes clippings, correspondence, photographs.
- 3.39-3.40 Special Events Programmes, 1934, 1939, 1941, 1946, 1948, 1951, 1955, 1961, 1963, 1966-1967, 1969, 1971, 1983, 1985-1986, 1996, n.d.
- 3.41 Special Humanitarian Projects 1997
- 3.42 Sports Committee 1982-1985
- 3.43-3.44 Tanguay Place Project – organization and financing, 1984-1987
- 3.45 Television Auction, 1981-1982, n.d.
- 3.46 Youth Exchange Program – history 1969-1996

Sub-series C: Multimedia

- 4.1 Negatives; including Rotary Club events, n.d.

- vol. IX Club attendance, 1921-1941
- vol. X Crippled Children's Committee, 1932-1945;
includes, meeting minutes, progress reports, notes:
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- vol. XI History of the Rotary Club of St. Catharines 1921-
1972 (A), 1996-1997 (B)
- vol. XII Presidential Addresses 1962-1963, 1968-1982
- vol. XIII Rotary: 50 years of service 1905-1955
- vol. XIV Rotary Luncheons meeting minutes, 1926-1928
- vol. XV Rotary luncheons, 1928-1929
- vol. XVI Rotary luncheons, 1929-1930
- vol. XVII Rotary and Rotarians, clippings, c. 1960-1970 (A),
1970-1980 (B).

Separated Materials:

Gossip Sheets, 1921, 1931-1932, 1941-1942, 1944-1949, 1951-
1952, 1954-2002; Periodical SPCL PER FC 3155.45 C58 G6

To be Catalogued:

Gossip Sheets, 1953-1954, 1985-1986; Periodical SPCL PER FC
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