Rotary Club of St. Catharines fonds


RG 75-15

Brock University Archives

Creator: Ontario Editorial Bureau

Extent: 1.9 cm of textual material (½ box)
8 b&w photographs
2 reel to reel tapes
1 dvd

Abstract: This archive contains materials relating to the Rotary Club of St. Catharines. The bulk of the materials are publications and media related items. There is also some correspondence. The Rotary Club newsletter Gossip Sheets have been seperated from the collection and are shelved with Special Collections material.

Materials: Typed and handwritten correspondence, reports, media releases, clippings, photographs.

Repository: Brock University Archives

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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 fonds contains materials relating to The Rotary Club of St. Catharines Fonds. The materials included are correspondence, advertising, handbills and newsletters. Materials have been arranged according to their original folder titles. Folders are arranged alphabetically and then chronologically within each series. The series are arranged alphabetically.

Organization:
The records were arranged into two series:

Series I, Correspondence, 1973-1985


Inventory:

Series I. Correspondence, 1973-1985
1.1-1.14 Correspondence, 1973-1985; includes 2 b&w photos


1.15 Campaign Advertising, 1976, 1978-1979; includes Easter Seals campaign, highlights of the Niagara District Health Council’s activities, Niagara Peninsula Crippled Children’s Centre, Tennis telethon, walkathon for crippled children, Easter Seals rehabilitation services, bargain bazaar, 6 b&w photographs and 2 reel to reel tapes.


1.18 One dvd *A Year with Betty-Lou* – a slide show summary of the Rotary year with President Betty Lou Souter, 2004-2005

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**Added Entries:**
- 600 Service Clubs
- 600 Exchange Programs

**Subject Access:**
- 650 Clubs
- 650 International Education
- 650 Recreation
- 650 Recreation Services

**Related Materials:**
- Rotary Club of St. Catharines Records, 1921-2004 RG 74