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Bloomington Rotary Club Collection

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Brief History

The Bloomington Rotary Club was founded on March 12, 1915, just 10 years after Rotary International was established in Chicago in 1905. From the beginning, the focus of the Bloomington Rotary Club has been to serve the community with their mottos including “He Profits Most Who Serves Best” and “Service Above Self.” Throughout its history, the club has launched many service projects, including raising money for local nonprofits, donating books and other materials to local schools, and providing scholarships and awards to both students and educators. The Bloomington Rotary Club also hosts many events and fundraisers such as the annual Pork Chop Lunch which raises money for local service projects.

Throughout most of its history, Rotary Clubs only allowed men to become members. However, this changed in 1989 when Rotary’s Council on Legislation voted to admit women into Rotary Clubs across the globe. Two years earlier though, in 1987, the U.S. Supreme Court had ruled against gender-based membership. It was that year, 1987, that the Bloomington Rotary Club admitted their first female member, Dr. Holly Novak. Eight years later, in 1995, Sharon McGinnis became the first female president of the Bloomington Rotary Club.

The Bloomington Rotary Club is also a “singing club,” which means that music, singing, instruments, and songwriting play a large part in club meetings.

Scope

The collection is comprised of four boxes. Box 1 contains letters, membership and attendance information, financial documents, thank you cards, awards, programs, semi-annual reports, memorials, newspaper clippings, photographs, and other miscellaneous materials. Box 2 contains books and ledgers of meeting minutes from 1923 to 1989, as well as several groupings of papers from members that were kept in scrapbooks. Box 3 contains editions of *The Bloomington Cog* newsletter that date from 1926 to 1956, as well as roster books that date from 1919 to 2008. Box 4 contains editions of *The Bloomington Cog* that date from 1957 to 2003.

Box and Folder Inventory

Box 1

Folder 1: History

- 1.1.1 “Rotary Club – 1915 – Perfected,” typescript of article for Pantagraph that describes the founding of the Bloomington Rotary Club, March 13, 1915, 1 pp.
- 1.1.2 “Rotary Club of Bloomington, Illinois,” typescript that includes timeline of the Bloomington Rotary Club from May 1914 – July 1915, September 12, 1961, 2 pp.
- 1.1.3 “Origin and Growth of Rotary,” typescript, 1980, 3 pp.

- 1.1.4 Memo by John N. Stevens that includes a report on the findings and recommendations from a committee to investigate the establishment of a new club, April 8, 1987, 6 pp.
- 1.1.5 “Ninety years of Rotary: A look back,” timeline from the District Governor’s Newsletter that includes a timeline of Rotary Club from 1905-1995, 1995, 2 pp.
- 1.1.6 Photocopy of “Rotary elects first woman president,” *Pantagraph*, July 22, 1995.
- 1.1.7 “Bloomington Rotary Club Historic Moments,” typescript of a speech given by Duane Sywassink, April 29, 2015, 3 pp.
- 1.1.8 Email correspondence between Richard D. Johnson and Erin Matson regarding how many Rotary Clubs there were in Illinois before Bloomington Club was established, April 10-24, 2015, 2 pp.

Folder 2: 1915 Albert Visit

- 1.2.1 “Notable Occasion and a Masterful Address,” *Pantagraph*, December 9, 1915.
- 1.2.2 Photocopy of “Notable Occasion and a Masterful Address,” *Pantagraph*, December 9, 1915.
- 1.2.3 “The Rotary Club Plans Big Day,” *Pantagraph*, December 6, 1915.
- 1.2.4 Photocopy of “The Rotary Club Plans Big Day,” *Pantagraph*, December 6, 1915.
- 1.2.5 Program and menu for Allen D. Albert’s visit to the Bloomington Rotary Club, December 8, 1915, 2 pp.
- 1.2.6 Photocopy of program and menu for Allen D. Albert’s visit to the Bloomington Rotary Club, December 8, 1915, 2 pp.

Folder 3: 1920’s Materials

- 1.3.1 Program and menu for the Rotary-Horticultural Banquet at the Illinois Hotel, December 16, 1920.
- 1.3.2 Program for “The Rotary Follies of 1923” at Bloomington High School, February 27-28, 1923.

Folder 4: Constitution

- 1.4.1 “Constitution and By-Laws of the Rotary Club of Bloomington, Illinois,” pamphlet owned by Guy Carlton, revised September 1, 1919, 21 pp.
- 1.4.2 “Constitution and By-Laws of Rotary International,” pamphlet, July 1940, 56 pp.

Folder 5: Membership

- 1.5.1 Bloomington Rotary Club membership goals, July 1986, 1 pp.
- 1.5.2 Sample membership induction script, 2017, 1 pp.
- 1.5.3 Photocopy of the new member orientation slide show, January 3, 2019, 13 pp.
- 1.5.4 “How to Handle New Proposals,” typescript describing membership process, undated, 1 pp.
- 1.5.5 Group of 113 membership applications largely from the 1960s-70s, 113 pp.

Folder 6: Membership Classifications

- 1.6.1 Membership Classifications booklet, March 1, 1986, 10 pp.
- 1.6.2 Membership Classifications booklet, September 1986, 10 pp.
- 1.6.3 Membership Classifications, January 1, 1947, 19 pp.

- 1.6.4 Jack Carrington in Bloomington to Maury Powell in Bloomington regarding suggestions for open classifications in the Bloomington Rotary Club, February 7, 1946, 2 pp
- 1.6.5 Possible open classifications flyer with envelope addressed to Dick Funk, 1983, 1 pp.
- 1.6.6 Membership Classifications, September 15, 1949, 5 pp.
- 1.6.7 Membership Classifications pamphlet, December 1, 1951, 2 pp. (2 copies).
- 1.6.8 Possible open classifications, August 1977, 5 pp.
- 1.6.9 Bloomington Rotary Club Open Classifications, September 1978, 3 pp.
- 1.6.10 Membership Classifications booklet, April 1987, 12 pp.
- 1.6.11 Membership Classifications paper, undated.

Folder 7: Membership Letters

This folder contains a group of 36 letters that were sent to new Rotary members after their membership had been approved by the board of directors. The letters are all from George Brooks who served as the secretary of the Bloomington Rotary Club at the time that the letters were sent out. The dates on the letters span from 1984-1987

Folder 8: Resignation Letters

This folder contains a group of 48 resignation letters from the Bloomington Rotary Club that range from 1937-1989 with most of the letters being from the 1980s. There is a mixture of typed and handwritten letters in this grouping.

Folder 9: Attendance

- 1.9.1 "We Missed You," card that was given to Rotary Club members after missing a meeting, undated.
- 1.9.2 "Membership Attendance Report Forms," booklet with instructions for the secretary regarding how to fill the forms out, 1981, 7 pp.
- 1.9.3 Attendance Record from July-September 1937, 2 pp.
- 1.9.4 Attendance report from February 1952, 1 pp.
- 1.9.5 Attendance Record from 1976-1982, 9 pp.
- 1.9.6 Attendance Record from July 1-December 31, 1979, 1 pp.
- 1.9.7 "Senior Active Attendance Excused" report, September 1982, 1 pp.
- 1.9.8 "Bloomington Rotary Club Birthday Table," report, March 6, 1980, 1 pp.
- 1.9.9 Attendance Record from June 23, 1983, 2 pp.
- 1.9.10 Attendance Record from October 31, 1940, 1 pp.
- 1.9.11 Attendance Record for Bloomington Rotary Club and District 649, 1977, 11 pp.

Folder 10: Attendance Letters

This folder contains a group of 27 letters that all pertain to attendance at the Bloomington Rotary Club. There is a mixture of typed and handwritten letters in this grouping. The date range for these letters is from 1984-1987.

Folder 11: Miscellaneous Letters

This folder contains a group of 24 letters with a date range from 1930-2020. The letters all deal with different aspects of the Bloomington Rotary Club that do not fit specifically into any of the other folders contained in this box.

Folder 12: Newsletters

- 1.12.1 *Be The Inspiration*, monthly newsletter of the Bloomington Rotary Club, September 2018, 1 pp.
- 1.12.2 *Bloomington Rotary Club News*, July 2019, 1 pp.

Folder 13: Meeting Agendas

- 1.13.1 Bloomington Rotary Club Board of Directors meeting agendas, July 12, 1976 – October 24, 1977, 20 pp.
- 1.13.2 Meeting Agenda from June 28, 2001, 5 pp.

Folder 14: Meeting Minutes

This folder contains handwritten meeting minutes from both regular rotary meetings and board of director's meetings. The minutes span from 1973-1982 with some that are undated.

Folder 15: Directors Meeting Minutes

This folder contains typed meeting minutes from director's meetings that span from 1932-1947 with most meetings being held in the 1930s. These papers have been kept in the same order in which they were stored in a binder.

Folder 16: Rosters

- 1.16.1 Single page from 1952 Bloomington Rotary Club roster, 1952, 1 pp.
- 1.16.2 Membership list of Bloomington Rotary, May 10, 1937, 1 pp.
- 1.16.3 Bloomington Rotary Roster, April 6, 1977, 6 pp.
- 1.16.4 District Governors from Bloomington Rotary Club and Past Presidents roster, 1989, 1 pp.
- 1.16.5 Bloomington Rotary Membership Roster, July 1, 1933, 1 pp. (2 copies).
- 1.16.6 Bloomington Rotary Club October birthdays list, undated, 1 pp.
- 1.16.7 Bloomington Rotary Club Roster, undated, 23 pp.
- 1.16.8 Bloomington Rotary Club Roster, October 1983, 6 pp.
- 1.16.9 Bloomington Club Members, 2020, 4 pp.
- 1.16.10 Member inserts for a roster book/binder in a Rotary Club roster envelope, October 25, 1973, 26 pp.
- 1.16.11 Bloomington Rotary Club Roster, 2019, 3 pp.
- 1.16.12 Bloomington Rotary Club Roster, undated, 4 pp.
- 1.16.13 Bloomington Rotary Club Roster, undated, 2 pp.

Folder 17: Committee Assignments

- 1.17.1 Handwritten committee appointments with functional organization of a rotary club diagram on reverse side, 1937-38, 1 pp.
- 1.17.2 Program committee assignments by month, undated, 1 pp.
- 1.17.3 Club service committee and community service committee assignments, undated, 1 pp.
- 1.17.4 Bloomington Rotary Club Committee Assignments, 1976-77, 4 pp.
- 1.17.5 Bloomington Rotary Club Committee Assignments, 1977-78, 4 pp.
- 1.17.6 Bloomington Rotary Club Committee Assignments, 1981-82, 6 pp.
- 1.17.7 Bloomington Rotary Club Committee Assignments, 1982-83, 4 pp.
- 1.17.8 Bloomington Rotary Club Committee Assignments, 1983-84, 5 pp.

- 1.17.9 Bloomington Rotary Club Committee Assignments, 1984-85, 2 pp.
- 1.17.10 Bloomington Rotary Club Committee Assignments, 1985-86, 2 pp.
- 1.17.11 Bloomington Rotary Club Committee Assignments, 1986-87, 6 pp.
- 1.17.12 Bloomington Rotary Club Officers and Committee, 2001-02, 1 pp.

Folder 18: Music

- 1.18.1 "Why and How a Rotarian Should Sing," by Lyle Straight, c1920's, 5 pp.
- 1.18.2 "The VERY Unofficial Rotary Christmas Song Book," booklet containing Christmas songs, undated, 14 pp.

Folder 19: Rotary Foundation Award

- 1.19.1 Memorandum written by Walter G. Wright to Harold Ryan regarding Karen Collins' application for the Rotary Foundation Award, March 16, 1976, 1 pp.
- 1.19.2 Application for Rotary Foundation Award filled out by Karen Collins, March 1976, 4 pp.
- 1.19.3 Rotary Foundation Educator's Recommendation Form filled out by professor of French at Illinois State University Dr. Brigitta Kuhn on behalf of Karen Collins, March 3, 1976, 2 pp.
- 1.19.4 Essay written by Karen Collins in French as a part of the application process, 1976, 3 pp.
- 1.19.5 Essay written by Karen Collins in English as a part of the application process, 1976, 4 pp.
- 1.19.6 Envelope addressed to Mr. Walter Wright in Bloomington, March 1976.

Folder 20: Student Loan Fund

- 1.20.1 Treasurer Walter L. Rush to President Harry C. Melby providing an update on the educational fund, July 5, 1932, 1 pp.
- 1.20.2 Walter L. Rush to Secretary I.J. Bower providing an update on educational fund, July 11, 1933, 1 pp. (2 copies)
- 1.20.3 List of reports and correspondence received by I.J. Bower that relate to the educational fund, February 24, 1936, 1 pp.
- 1.20.4 Balance sheet for the Student Loan Fund, June 30, 1937, 1 pp.
- 1.20.5 Handwritten notes on the amounts that have been loaned and the totals due, June 30, 1938, 2 pp.
- 1.20.6 Application for a loan from the Student Loan Fund completed by John E. Cribbett, January 25, 1940, 1 pp.
- 1.20.7 Letter of recommendation for applicant John E. Cribbett from Chairman of the Student Loan Committee Lyle Straight, January 27, 1940, 1 pp.
- 1.20.8 J.S. Toon to E.E. Lundeen stating that the attached check was from Miss Loretta, April 23, 1940, 1 pp.
- 1.20.9 Letter of recommendation, checks, and applications for Eugene Leetch and Glenn Jablonski to receive a loan from the Student Loan Fund, April 13-27, 1940, 5 pp.
- 1.20.10 Corn Belt Bank deposit slip with handwritten notes on back, 1942, 1 pp.
- 1.20.11 Lyle Straight to Ralph Shannon near Edwardsville, IL acknowledging a payment of ten dollars, January 7, 1943, 1 pp.
- 1.20.12 Secretary Charles R. Heller to Clair R. McElheny extending an invitation to the Board of Directors meeting to discuss Student Loan Fund accounts, July 19, 1943, 1 pp.
- 1.20.13 Secretary Charles R. Heller to Lyle Straight extending an invitation to the Board of Directors meeting to discuss Student Loan Fund accounts, July 19, 1943, 1 pp.

1.20.14 C.R. McElheny near Bloomington to Lyle F. Straight acknowledging the receipt of payments from people who have paid and listing those who still have an unpaid balance, March 23, 1944, 1 pp. (2 copies)

1.20.15 Secretary Burton F. Whitmore to C.R. McElheny giving permission to discard all nonessential items from the Student Loan Fund, April 1, 1944, 1 pp.

1.20.16 C.R. McElheny to President of the Bloomington Rotary Club J.W. Carrington regarding several student loan funds that have not been paid back, May 19, 1944, 2 pp.

1.20.17 Club President J.W. Carrington to C.R. McElheny asking if it is possible to make a loan of 300 dollars to a Miss Hilda Marlin, June 23, 1944, 1 pp.

1.20.18 Letter to Grace Inman from a member of the Board of Directors discussing an application for the Student Loan Fund, July 6, 1944, 1 pp.

1.20.19 President C.R. McElheny to Secretary Edgar E. Lundeen discussing applicant Eugene Leetch, October 26, 1944, 1 pp. (2 copies)

1.20.20 J.W. Carrington to Student Loan Committee regarding a possible loan for a Veterans High School student, April 8, 1946, 1 pp. (2 copies)

1.20.21 J.W. Carrington to Student Loan Committee following up on loan to student from Veterans High School, April 20, 1946, 1 pp. (2 copies)

1.20.22 "Write it – Don't Say It!" memo sheets discussing payments for Student Loan Fund from Ed Lundeen to Lyle Straight, 1939-1940, 13 pp.

1.20.23 Student Loan Fund Committee flyer signed by Clair (C.R.) McElheny who served as the chairman of the committee, undated, 1 pp.

Folder 21: Student Loan Fund – Ward

This folder contains 16 documents relating to the student loan of Frank Barton Ward Jr. awarded by the Bloomington Rotary Club Student Loan Fund. The documents date from August 20, 1940, to November 17, 1943.

Folder 22: Student Loan Fund – Gwin

This folder contains 10 documents relating to the student loan of Ruland Gwin awarded by the Bloomington Rotary Club Student Loan Fund. The documents date from July 6, 1939, to April 17, 1944.

Folder 23: Student Loan Fund – Mader

This folder contains 24 documents relating to the student loan of Howard Mader awarded by the Bloomington Rotary Club Student Loan Fund. The documents date from February 16, 1927, to October 11, 1939.

Folder 24: Student Loan Fund – Hamilton

This folder contains 22 documents relating to the student loan of Marvin Hamilton awarded by the Bloomington Rotary Club Student Loan Fund. The documents date from April 6, 1939, to August 21, 1940.

Folder 25: Student Loan Fund - Rider

This folder contains 51 documents relating to the student loan of Albert Rider awarded by the Bloomington Rotary Club Student Loan Fund. The documents date from November 18, 1930, to April 2, 1942.

Folder 26: Student Recognition Banquet

- 1.26.1 Rotary Recognition Banquet program, May 9, 1974, 6 pp.
- 1.26.2 Student Recognition Banquet program, May 13, 1987, 8 pp.
- 1.26.3 Student Recognition Banquet program, May 3, 1989, 12 pp.
- 1.26.4 28th Annual Student Recognition Banquet program, May 1, 1991, 12 pp.
- 1.26.5 33rd Annual Student Recognition Banquet program, May 2, 1996, 10 pp.
- 1.26.6 36th Annual Student Recognition Banquet program, May 5, 1999, 12 pp.

Folder 27: Service Projects

- 1.27.1 Bloomington Rotary Club Service Project Application for providing beds and other furniture to Mayors Manor, November 11, 2015, 1 pp.
- 1.27.2 District Grant Application for Mayors Manor service project, January 14, 2016, 4 pp.
- 1.27.3 2015-2016 District Grant Project Report for the service project to support the residents of Mayors Manor, 2016, 3 pp.
- 1.27.4 "Rotary replaces beds at Mayors Manor," by Steve Smedley, *Pantagraph*, March 27, 2016.
- 1.27.5 Bloomington Rotary Foundation letter and Donor Commitment form, April 14, 2016, 3 pp.
- 1.27.6 2018-19 Rotary Service Projects list, 2018, 1 pp.
- 1.27.7 "News from Bloomington Rotary Club," by past president Jane Chamberlain describing how the Bloomington Rotary Club donated materials to District 87 schools, February 7, 2020, 1 pp.
- 1.27.8 "Monday Memos: Rotary provides calculators," *Pantagraph*, February 17, 2020, 2 pp.

Folder 28: 1986 Service Club Olympics

- 1.28.1 Thirtieth Annual Y.M.C.A. Service Club Olympics flyer with rundown of events and times, May 8, 1984, 2 pp.
- 1.28.2 Service Club Olympics list of events with teams of Bloomington Rotary Club members who are participating, April 1, 1986, 4 pp.
- 1.28.3 Collection of 40 checklists of all the events that were filled out by Rotary members to determine who would compete in each event, 1986, 40 pp.
- 1.28.4 "While you were out," message card for Tom from Rick David leaving a message about setting up a meeting to discuss the Service Club Olympics, January 30, 1986.

Folder 29: Semi-Annual Reports

The Bloomington Rotary Club was required by Rotary International to submit a semi-annual report twice a year that tracks attendance, membership, and finances for the club. This folder and the following two folders contain documents from those semi-annual reports.

- 1.29.1 "Semiannual Report of Club Membership," worksheet, January 1, 1976, 3 pp.
- 1.29.2 "Semiannual Report of Club Membership," worksheet, July 1, 1976, 3 pp.
- 1.29.3 Rotary International Semi-Annual Report, includes a handwritten memo from club secretary George Brooks, January 1, 1985, 11 pp.
- 1.29.4 Rotary International Semi-Annual Report, includes handwritten notes from club secretary George Brooks, July 1, 1985, 13 pp.

- 1.29.5 Rotary International Semi-Annual Report, includes a handwritten memo from club secretary George Brooks, January 1, 1986, 11 pp.
- 1.29.6 Rotary International Semi-Annual Report, includes a handwritten memo from club secretary George Brooks, July 1, 1986, 12 pp.
- 1.29.7 Rotary International Semi-Annual Report, includes a handwritten memo from club secretary George Brooks, January 1, 1987, 12 pp.
- 1.29.8 Rotary International Semi-Annual Report, July 1, 1987, 13 pp.
- 1.29.9 Rotary International Semi-Annual Report, January 1, 1988, 12 pp.
- 1.29.10 Rotary International Semi-Annual Report, July 1, 1988, 14 pp.
- 1.29.11 Rotary International envelope containing semi-annual report information from the Bloomington Rotary Club, 1979, 20 pp.

Folder 30: Semi-Annual Attendance 1974-79

- 1.30.1 Semi-Annual Attendance Record, July-December 1974, 4 pp.
- 1.30.2 Semi-Annual Attendance Record, 1975, 8 pp.
- 1.30.3 Semi-Annual Attendance Record, 1976, 7 pp.
- 1.30.4 Semi-Annual Attendance Record, 1977, 7 pp.
- 1.30.5 Semi-Annual Attendance Record, 1978, 8 pp.
- 1.30.6 Semi-Annual Attendance Record, 1979, 8 pp.

Folder 31: Semi-Annual Attendance 1980-87

- 1.31.1 Semi-Annual Attendance Record, 1980, 8 pp.
- 1.31.2 Semi-Annual Attendance Record, 1981, 8 pp.
- 1.31.3 Semi-Annual Attendance Record, 1982, 10 pp.
- 1.31.4 Semi-Annual Attendance Record, 1983, 8 pp.
- 1.31.5 Semi-Annual Attendance Record, 1984, 6 pp.
- 1.31.6 Semi-Annual Attendance Record, 1985, 6 pp.
- 1.31.7 Semi-Annual Attendance Record, 1986, 6 pp.
- 1.31.8 Semi-Annual Attendance Record, 1987, 6 pp.

Folder 32: Financial Reports

This folder contains financial documents from the Bloomington Rotary Club. The documents include financial reports, budget proposals, operational budgets, and receipts that date from 1937 to 2015.

Folder 33: Newspaper Clippings

This folder contains newspaper clippings from 1944-2018 with most of the clippings being from the 1990s. Almost all the clippings come from the *Pantagraph*, but there are a few from other newspapers.

Folder 34: Memorials

- 1.34.1 Memorial Resolution for Eugene E. Ray, April 4, 1974, 3 pp.
- 1.34.2 Memorial Resolution for Walter H. Kraft, August 5, 1976, 3 pp.
- 1.34.3 Memorial Resolution for William Nave, April 28, 1977, 2 pp.
- 1.34.4 Memorial Resolution for Alonzo Richard Dolan includes a newspaper clipping glued to the back, September 15, 1979, 1 pp.

- 1.34.5 Memorial Resolution for R. Douglass Laudeman, March 5, 1981, 3 pp.
- 1.34.6 Robert Frank (Club President) to Rotary Ann Maris expressing sympathy to her and her family over the death of her husband Bill, May 9, 1985, 1 pp.
- 1.34.7 Memorial Resolution for Dr. Harold R. Martin, 1986, 2 pp.
- 1.34.8 Memorial Resolution for Edward Rudolph Ahlenius, 1987, 2 pp.
- 1.34.9 Memorial Resolution for Harry R. Stevens, August 27, 1987, 2 pp.
- 1.34.10 Memorial Resolution for Roy P. Biddle (includes photocopy of a dedication page attached), November 12, 1987, 1 pp.
- 1.34.11 Memorial Resolution for William B. Munro, December 4, 1987, 1 pp.
- 1.34.12 Memorial Resolution for William Angus Matheson, January 21, 1988, 1 pp.
- 1.34.13 Memorial Resolution for Robert L. Frank, 1989, 3 pp.
- 1.34.14 Memorial Resolution for Louis J. Lohnes, undated, 2 pp.
- 1.34.15 Photocopy of Obituary for Carl W. Frautschi, *Pantagraph*, 1999.
- 1.34.16 Photocopy of Obituary for Zenas 'Zeke' Stanfield, *Pantagraph*. February 9, 2003.
- 1.34.17 Photocopy of Dedication for Howard S. Elder, undated.

Folder 35: Photographs

This folder contains photographs relating to the Bloomington Rotary Club. The photos date from the 1940's to 2018.

Folder 36: Programs

- 1.36.1 Annual Conference Forty-Fourth District Rotary International program, April 15-16, 1931, 14 pp.
- 1.36.2 Rotary Birthday Table program, 1944-45, 31 pp.
- 1.36.3 Rotary International 148th District Conference program, March 18-19, 1948, 36 pp.
- 1.36.4 Bloomington Rotary Club 25th Anniversary program, March 12, 1940, 4 pp.
- 1.36.5 Bloomington Rotary Club Ladies' Night program, February 21, 1952, 2 pp.
- 1.36.6 Letter describing the 1952 ladies' night event signed by Burl, 1952, 1 pp.
- 1.36.7 Bloomington Rotary Club 1915-1965 program, 1965, 2 pp.
- 1.36.8 Bloomington Rotary Club 75th Anniversary banquet program, March 14, 1990, 20 pp. (2 copies)
- 1.36.9 100th Birthday Celebration for Dr. Lloyd Bertholf program, December 16th, 1999, 2 pp.
- 1.36.10 The Rev. Dr. John D. Trefzger program, February 26, 2022, 2 pp.
- 1.36.11 "Programs," by Dr. Edgar Dewitt Jones for the *Pantagraph*, undated, 1 pp.
- 1.36.12 First District Assembly of District 148 program, undated, 1 pp.
- 1.36.13 List of Bloomington Rotary programs from July 2, 1981-June 24, 1982, 3 pp.

Folder 37: 100th Anniversary Celebration

- 1.37.1 Bloomington Rotary Club 100th Anniversary Gala program, May 7, 2015, 14 pp. (3 copies)
- 1.37.2 Congratulations card from Barbara Ryan Schneider to the Bloomington Rotary Club with original envelope, June 2015.
- 1.37.3 "Bloomington Rotary Club 3253," magazine page with pictures from 100th anniversary gala, June 2015, 1 pp.
- 1.37.4 "Rotary at 100: Club marks century of service," by Maria Nagle, *Pantagraph*, May 26, 2015.

- 1.37.5 "Happy Anniversary," card from Danville Rotary Club, 2015.
- 1.37.6 "Light Up Rotary!" packet with gala order form, donation form, and sponsorship form, 2015, 6 pp.
- 1.37.7 "All About Pins," website screenshot with photo of 100th anniversary pin, undated, 1 pp.
- 1.37.8 Business card for Rotary International Chair and former President Ray Klinginsmith who spoke at the 100th anniversary gala, 2015.
- 1.37.9 Typescript of 100th Anniversary Gala script and invocation for Jane Chamberlain, 2015, 7 pp.
- 1.37.10 Bloomington Fire Chief Brian M. Mohr to members of Bloomington Rotary Club congratulating them on 100 years of service, April 29, 2015.
- 1.37.11 Superintendent of District 87 Dr. Barry M. Reilly to Rotary Club President Jane Chamberlain congratulating Rotary, April 29, 2015.
- 1.37.12 Sara McCubbins of CeMaST to Bloomington Rotary Club, April 29, 2015.
- 1.37.13 Labyrinth Board Co-president Feli Sebastian to Jane Chamberlain and Bloomington Rotary Club, May 2, 2015.
- 1.37.14 Governor Bruce Rauner to Bloomington Rotary Club, May 7, 2015.
- 1.37.15 Chief of Police Brendan O. Heffner to Jane Chamberlain, May 4, 2015.
- 1.37.16 State Representative Keith P. Sommer to Jane Chamberlain, May 6, 2015.
- 1.37.17 Member of Congress Rodney Davis to Bloomington Rotary Club, May 7, 2015.
- 1.37.18 "Proclamation Declaring May 7, 2015, Bloomington Rotary Day," proclamation signed by Mayor Tari Renner and Interim City Clerk Renee Gooderham, May 7, 2015.
- 1.37.19 Rotary International certificate honoring the Bloomington Rotary Club for 100 years of membership, May 1, 2015.
- 1.37.20 State of Illinois recognition certificate acknowledging the Bloomington Rotary Club for 100 years of service, 2015.
- 1.37.21 "End of Bloomington Rotary Club Year – 2014-2015," report by Jane Chamberlain, 2015.

Folder 38: Policies & By-Laws

- 1.38.1 Bylaws of the Bloomington Rotary Club with handwritten revisions, Revised October 23, 2006, 12 pp.
- 1.38.2 Bylaws of the Bloomington Rotary Club, Revised October 23, 2006, 12 pp.
- 1.38.3 Bylaws of the Bloomington Rotary Club, Revised November 11, 2011, 8 pp.
- 1.38.4 Bylaws of the Bloomington Rotary Club, Revised June 27, 2019, 7 pp.
- 1.38.5 Rotary Position Descriptions, 2016-2017, 6 pp.
- 1.38.6 Bloomington Rotary Club Organization Chart, 2015-2016, 1 pp.
- 1.38.7 Bloomington Rotary Foundation General Policy, Revised July 2008, 7 pp.

Folder 39: George Brooks

This folder contains papers from George Brooks who served as Bloomington Rotary Club Secretary during the 1980s and as President from 1991-92. The papers include correspondence, memos, order forms, and reports among others. The papers date from 1984-1987.

Folder 40: George R. Means

George R. Means (1907-2000) is one of Bloomington Rotary Club's most distinguished members. He not only served in the Bloomington Rotary Club, but he also served as General Secretary for Rotary International from 1953-1972. He served in the Navy as a Commander during World War II and after the war he was sent to Japan to oversee the re-establishment of all the Rotary Clubs in the country. He holds honorary membership in Rotary Clubs around the world including in Argentina, Australia, Japan, Korea, and South Africa.

- 1.40.1 Photograph of George R. Means, undated.
- 1.40.2 Page of Rotary roster book with photo of George R. Means, 1965.
- 1.40.3 Photograph of George R. Means with other Bloomington Rotary Club members that appeared in the *Pantagraph* on March 6, 1964.
- 1.40.4 "They Knew Him When," *Pantagraph*, March 6, 1964.
- 1.40.5 "G.R. Means retiring from Rotary office," *Pantagraph*, January 19, 1972.
- 1.40.6 "George R. Means Made Honorary Tokyo Rotarian," *Pantagraph*, undated.
- 1.40.7 Typescript of a short biography on George R. Means, undated, 2 pp.
- 1.40.8 "George R. Means Salute to a Quality Builder," *The Rotarian*, January 1972, 4 pp.
- 1.40.9 "Rotary: The Best Is Yet to Be!" by George R. Means, *The Rotarian*, January 1972, 4 pp.
- 1.40.10 Page 20 and page 94 of *The Rotarian* from March 1972 that mention George R. Means, 2 pp.
- 1.40.11 "A Year of Service," by George R. Means, *The Rotarian*, June 1971, 1 pp.
- 1.40.12 "Bloomington Rotary Club's Most Distinguished Alumnus," typescript with a brief biography of George R. Means, undated, 1 pp.
- 1.40.13 Group of 4 letters from George R. Means to President-elect of Bloomington Rotary Club Irving J. (I.J.) Bower, June 11-14, 1937, 4 pp.

Folder 41: Order Forms

- 1.41.1 Paul Harris Fellow Application pamphlet, undated. 2 copies.
- 1.41.2 Order form for Rotary related items, 1987-88, 4 pp.
- 1.41.3 "Permanent Luncheon Badge Order Blank," order form, May 15, 1987, 1 pp.
- 1.41.4 Order form for Rotary related items, May 15, 1987, 2 pp.
- 1.41.5 "Celebrate Rotary's Seventy-Fifth Anniversary," order form, 1980, 1 pp.

Folder 42: Awards and Certificates

- 1.42.1 75th Anniversary certificate honoring 75 years of membership from Rotary International, May 1, 1990.
- 1.42.2 Certificate of Appreciation from Rotary International to Bloomington Rotary Club, May 16, 1992.
- 1.42.3 Vocational Award with photos of Rotary Club members, 1999.x
- 1.42.4 Presidential Citation awarded to Don Newberg by Bloomington Rotary Club, June 2001.
- 1.42.5 Certificate of Appreciation from Salvation Army to Bloomington Rotary Club, 2013.
- 1.42.6 Rotary Club Central Award presented to Bloomington Rotary Club, 2014.
- 1.42.7 Presidential Citation awarded to Bloomington Rotary Club from Rotary International, 2015.
- 1.42.8 The Rotary Foundation certificate of appreciation presented to Bloomington Rotary Club, 2018.

- 1.42.9 The Rotary Foundation certificate of appreciation presented to Bloomington Rotary Club, 2019.
- 1.42.10 Certificate of Appreciation from Salvation Army to Bloomington Rotary Club, 2018.
- 1.42.11 “John N. Stevens Memorial Award,” flyer describing what the award is and when it will be presented, undated, 1 pp.
- 1.42.12 Presidential Citation awarded to Bloomington Rotary Club, with original envelope, 1987.

Folder 43: Thank You Cards

This folder contains thank you cards that have been received by the Bloomington Rotary Club throughout its history. The cards date from 1967 to 2019. Many of the cards included were handmade by students in Bloomington public schools.

Folder 44: Miscellaneous

- 1.44.1 Rotary International membership card belonging to Guy Carlton, July 1, 1950.
- 1.44.2 Rotary International membership card belonging to Guy Carlton, January 1, 1951.
- 1.44.3 The American Furniture Mart ID card belonging to Guy Carlton, June 1952.
- 1.44.4 Rotary International membership card belonging to Guy Carlton, July 1, 1953.
- 1.44.5 “This Rotarian Age,” pamphlet including an order form for Paul P. Harris’s new book, October 12, 1935, 3 pp.
- 1.44.6 “Vote for 5,” ballot card, undated, 1 pp.
- 1.44.7 “Newsmen-Attention!” card with inscription from Al to Ivan Wiley, undated, 1 pp.
- 1.44.8 Western Union Telegraph card addressed to Mr. Maury Powell with the guest editorials for the 1944 *Bloomington Cog* editions handwritten on back, 1944, 1 pp.
- 1.44.9 Bloomington Rotary Club informational brochure with photos, undated. (2 copies)
- 1.44.10 Bloomington Rotary Club informational brochure, undated. (2 copies)
- 1.44.11 Bloomington Rotary Club informational brochure, 2016.
- 1.44.12 Rotary districts in the state of Illinois map, 1937, 1 pp.
- 1.44.13 Handwritten recount of an election vote at a Rotary Club meeting, April 21, 1938, 1 pp.
- 1.44.14 Photocopy of a check to Eugene D. Funk for 5 dollars from December 2, 1915 for Bloomington Rotary Club, with a Funk Bros. Seed Co. memo sheet, undated, 1 pp.
- 1.44.15 “Rotary Clubs in Central Division 10 Middle Western States,” chart that compares Rotary Club and membership numbers from across the globe, June 30, 1961, 1 pp.
- 1.44.16 Order coupon and written advertisement for an erotic film, undated, 5 pp.
- 1.44.17 Typescript from unknown author that includes an appeal to the Rotary Club historian for materials relating to Rotary, c1961, 1 pp.
- 1.44.18 Handwritten list (possible notes) of completed tasks, undated, 1 pp.
- 1.44.19 Summary Report for the Joint Fellowship - Speakers Table Committees, September 3, 1976, 2 pp.
- 1.44.20 Summary of Club Plans and Objectives, July 1, 1986, 4 pp.
- 1.44.21 Annual Report of Bloomington Rotary Club, 1934, 3 pp.
- 1.44.22 Rotary Club Roster production schedule, undated, 1 pp.
- 1.44.23 “Join us to Give Thanks,” Thanksgiving event invitation, November 19, 2015, 1 pp.
- 1.44.24 Lunch placemat with local advertisements, 2015-2016.
- 1.44.25 Lunch placemat with local advertisements, November 2019.
- 1.44.26 “Be the Inspiration,” watercolor painting by Bloomington Rotary Club member Angela Aguilar including a business card, undated.

1.44.27 "Lord, We Pray," invocation card owned by Morris Carothers, undated, 1 pp.
1.44.28 "We Who Are About To Die," by Harold E. Fey, undated, 1 pp.

Folder 45: Tri-Club News

1.45.1 Tri-Club News Issue Number 1, December 1, 1998.
1.45.2 Tri-Club News Volume 2, Issue 1, January 5, 1999.
1.45.3 Tri-Club News Volume 2, Issue 2, February 5, 1999.
1.45.4 Tri-Club News Volume 2, Issue 3, March 1, 1999.
1.45.5 Tri-Club News Volume 2, Issue 4, May 1, 1999.
1.45.6 Tri-Club News Volume 2, Issue 5, June 1, 1999.
1.45.7 Tri-Club News Volume 2, Issue 6, June 18, 1999.

Folder 46: The Normal Spoke

This folder contains editions of *The Normal Spoke* from July 31, 1996, to June 11, 1997. The editions have been arranged in chronological order. *The Normal Spoke* is the weekly newsletter of the Normal Rotary Club.

Folder 47: Other Central Illinois Clubs

1.47.1 "Rotary Clubs in District No. 215," booklet that lists all the clubs nearby to Bloomington, 1949-50, 3 pp (3 copies).
1.47.2 Clinton Rotary Club roster book, July 1, 1931, 17 pp.
1.47.3 "Second Annual District Conference," program, May 10-11, 1939, 9 pp.
1.47.4 "Rotary International 148th District Conference," program held in Taylorville, IL and belonging to Maury Powell of Bloomington, May 9-10, 1946, 16 pp.
1.47.5 "Assembly Program," program for District No. 215 held near Monticello, July 12-13, 1951, 3 pp.
1.47.6 Letter from Rotary Club of Kewanee to other area clubs discussing the upcoming Inter-city Rotary meeting, June 30, 1937, 1 pp.
1.47.7 Rotary District 649 nomination form for outstanding projects, 1986-87, 2 pp.
1.47.8 *Taylorville Rotary Wheel* newsletter from Rotary Club of Taylorville, April 1, 1946, 1 pp.
1.47.9 District 6490 Rotary Golf Outing flyer, May 12, 1995, 1 pp.
1.47.10 District 6490 Rotary newsletter, November 2016, 12 pp.
1.47.11 Tri-Club Rotary Installation Banquet program, June 30, 1999, 3 pp.
1.47.12 Bloomington-Normal Tri-Club Rotary Installation Banquet program, June 28, 2000, 3 pp.
1.47.13 Installation Ceremony for Leslie J. Mitkos program, June 29, 2014, 6 pp.
1.47.14 "Moraine View Satellite Rotary Club," pamphlet for satellite location of the Bloomington Rotary Club located in Downs and LeRoy, 2020.
1.47.15 Extension prospects for the new District 148 typescript, undated, 1 pp.

Folder 48: Rotary International

1.48.1 "Welcome to 127 N. Dearborn St. Chicago, ILL. Where Rotary was born, February 23, 1905," pamphlet for Unity building in Chicago where first Rotary meeting was held, "Given me by Guy Carlton who attended," typed at top, in original envelope, undated, 2 pp.
1.48.2 "Toward a Clarified Public Opinion," booklet for *The Rotarian*, c1946, 16 pp.

- 1.48.3 "The Finances of Rotary International," report on the audit of the income and expense of Rotary International for the fiscal year from 1935-1936, November 4, 1936, 6 pp.
- 1.48.4 District Governor Harry A. Cochran to Fellow Rotarian discussing a recent District Assembly and an upcoming District Assembly, August 2, 1937, 1 pp.
- 1.48.5 Rotary International newsletter, January 21, 1938, 2 pp.
- 1.48.6 "The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International," contribution form, 1987, 1 pp.
- 1.48.7 "Rotary Membership," report that shows Rotary club membership numbers from around the world, 1961, 3 pp.
- 1.48.8 Letter sent from Rotary International to all Club Secretaries regarding a new contribution form, September 1987, 1 pp.
- 1.48.9 "Rotary International," informational flyer that lists the purpose of Rotary and the clubs located in Bloomington-Normal, undated, 1 pp.

Folder 49: Governor's Monthly Letter

This folder contains 29 copies of the *Governor's Monthly Letter* from Rotary District 148 and later Rotary District 215. The newsletters span from 1937 to 1952. Also included is a "Supplement to Governor's Monthly Letter," booklet from June 1936.

Loose Item: Bloomington Rotary Club 100th Anniversary DVD, 2015.

Loose Item: Rotary International District 6490 Directory Book, 2014-2015, 79 pp.

Box 2

Folder 1: Ted Allsup Papers 1

This folder contains the first 70 pages of a scrapbook of papers that was kept by former Bloomington Rotary Club member and president Ted Allsup. These papers all appear to be from his time as president of the Club. The contents include letters, memorials, newspaper clippings, photographs, programs, newsletters, and other miscellaneous materials. The pages have been kept in the same order in which they were stored in the scrapbook. All the pages date from 1970.

Folder 2: Ted Allsup Papers 2

This folder contains the next 45 pages of the scrapbook kept by Ted Allsup. All pages in this folder date from 1970.

Folder 3: Ted Allsup Papers 3

This folder contains the next 79 pages of the scrapbook kept by Ted Allsup. All pages in this folder date from 1971.

Folder 4: Ted Allsup Papers 4

This folder contains the final 78 pages of the scrapbook kept by Ted Allsup. All pages in this folder date from 1971.

Folder 5: James H. Bicket Papers 1

This folder contains the first 81 pages of a scrapbook kept by former Bloomington Rotary Club member and president James H. Bicket. All the materials appear to date from the period in which Bicket was president. The contents of the pages include photographs, newspaper clippings, newsletters, handwritten notes, and other miscellaneous documents. All the pages have been kept in their original order and date from 1949.

Folder 6: James H. Bicket Papers 2

This folder contains the final 71 pages of the scrapbook kept by James H. Bicket. All pages in this folder date from 1949 to 1950.

Folder 7: Membership Dues

This folder contains a group of 150 membership dues tracking sheets that date from 1925 to 1959. All the pages are handwritten and have been kept in the same order in which they were stored in their original binder.

Loose Items:

Rotary Minutes of Regular and Directors Meetings Book, 1938-1950.

Rotary Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Book, 1923-1928.

Rotary Club Regular Meeting Minutes Book, 1923-1928.

Bloomington Rotary Club Binder, containing meeting minutes and attendance records, 1982-1989.

Rotary, Serving in War and Peace, Proceedings Thirty-Fourth Annual Convention of Rotary International, St. Louis, May 17-20, 1943.

The Outlies of Classifications: A Guide for Rotary Clubs, 1944 Edition

Service Is My Business, Rotary International, third printing, 1949, stamped "Maury D. Powell 594 Corn Belt Bank Building Bloomington, Illinois

Box 3

Box 3 contains a group of roster books that date from 1919 to 2008 as well as a group of *The Bloomington Cog* newsletters and meeting reminders that date from 1926 to 1954. The first 11 folders contain the roster books with 2 loose roster books following behind. The next 14 folders contain editions of *The Bloomington Cog* and have been split up by year from 1927 to 1956. There are 9 loose binders that follow that contain editions of *The Bloomington Cog* from 1942 to 1955.

Roster books by year:

1919	1940 (2 copies)	1956-57	1980-81
1920	1942	1957-58	1983-84
1927	1943 (2 copies)	1958-59	1989-1990
1929	1944 (2 copies)	1959-60	1994-95
1930 (2 copies)	1944-45 (2 copies)	1960-61	1995-96
1931 (2 copies)	1947-48 (2 copies)	1961-62	1996-97
1932 (2 copies)	1948-49	1962-63	2001-02
1933 (2 copies)	1949-50	1963-64	2007-08
1934 (2 copies)	1950-51	1965-66 (2 copies)	
1935 (2 copies)	1951-52	1966-67 (2 copies)	
1936 (2 copies)	1952-53	1968-69	
1937 (2 copies)	1953-54	1969-70 (2 copies)	
1938 (2 copies)	1954-55	1974-75	
1939	1955-56	1977-78	

Box 4

Box 4 contains editions of *The Bloomington Cog* newsletter that date from 1957 to 2003.

There are 41 folders that have been split up by year and contain editions in chronological order. The only years that are not represented are 1966 and 1999.