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Historical Sketch

The first Rotary Club was founded in Chicago on February 23, 1905 by Paul Harris, a lawyer. Harris, who had recently moved to Chicago, wanted to become better acquainted with other professional men of the city. Through a discussion with fellow professionals, Harris and his friends decided to organize a club to bring together a carefully selected group of businessmen, one from each trade, and let them get to know each other so it would be unthinkable to do business unethically. Only men who were the proprietors of a business, partners in a business, or a corporate officer would be allowed to join so all of the members would be men of authority in their field and share similar interests. Membership would be by invitation only and the name Rotary Club was chosen because the weekly meetings would rotate between the members' places of business. The mottos "Service above Self" and "He Gains the Most who Serves the Best" were chosen to represent the goal of the newly formed club.

The idea of Rotary spread throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. In 1912 the name "International Association of Rotary Clubs" was adopted to issue charters to clubs outside of the United States. The 1912 Convention was also the first time that The Toledo Rotary Club was represented by delegates.

On May 3, 1912, Charles S. Turner, at the urging of a Rotarian friend from Cleveland, founded the Rotary Club of Toledo. Toledo was the 44th Rotary Club to be chartered by Rotary International. By the end of that first year the Toledo Club boasted 80 members. In 1917, Toledo Rotary along with the Board of Education helped to establish a school for crippled children. Helping crippled children soon evolved into one of the major charitable works of Toledo Rotary along with the development of a camp for Boy Scouts; a convalescence home for crippled children; international medical aid for those in need; capital improvements to existing agencies when local, state, and federal funds are not available; as well as providing scholarships to The University of Toledo for international students. The Toledo Rotary was also instrumental in forming a juvenile court system in Toledo. The Good Fellowship Foundation, to which members are obligated to contribute, helps to support these and various other charitable activities. The Paul Harris Fellow is a title designated to members who have contributed \$1000 or more to the Good Fellowship Fund and these moneys support scholarships for 1000 scholars.

In 1959 the Four-Way Test was created. This test, designed for Rotarians to apply to all aspects of their lives, states that before a member undertakes to do something he should ask himself

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Through this Four Way Test as well as living up to the motto "Service Above Self" the Toledo Rotary Club has grown from the initial 80 members to nearly 500. This mirrors the growth of Rotary in general from that first club in Chicago to 26,000 clubs in 200 countries with 1,000,000 members.

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Scope and Content Note

The records of the Toledo Rotary Club, 1912-1998, are composed of administrative records, committee files, correspondence, membership records, club projects, records of the Good Fellowship Foundation as well as scrapbooks and other materials detailing the history of the Toledo Rotary Club. Later years (1970s on) are better documented than the earlier years of the club.

The collection is divided into eleven primary series and arranged alphabetically, then chronologically. (S1) Administration pertains to the general matters of running the club. It contains files pertaining to the Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, District Assemblies and Conferences, as well as general office files. (S2) Committee Files, contains the minutes, reports, and the various projects undertaken by the individual committees within the club, such as the Budget Committee, Membership Committee, and Program Committee. (S3) Correspondence includes general club correspondence in addition to the Club President's correspondence and correspondence detailing the various speakers and programs sponsored by the club throughout the years. (S4) Membership contains information on membership classifications, honorary members, and senior members. (S5) Newsclippings is a collection of articles dealing with the Toledo Rotary that appeared in local newspapers from 1976-1985, and 1993-1994. (S6) Photographs, consists of one file of miscellaneous photographs of club members and club activities. (S7) Projects is made up of the files of the various club projects undertaken by Toledo Rotary as well as project proposals that were not approved. (S8) Rotary International is a series that pertains to the International Rotary organization. (S9) Toledo Rotary Good Fellowship Foundation, an endowment fund of Toledo Rotary, consists of the projects and scholarships undertaken by the Good Fellowship Foundation as well as a history of the foundation itself. (S10) Toledo Rotary consists entirely of materials pertaining to the history of the Toledo Club as well as scrapbooks (which are fragile and in poor condition) dating from the founding of the club through the early 1930s. (S11) Rosters includes copies of the rosters of the Toledo Rotary Club 1915-1916, 1918-1919, 1921-1998.

Toledo Rotary Club Records, 1912-1998

Series List

- S1 Administration**
1965-1998, (2 linear ft.)
arranged alphabetically and chronologically
Included in this series are files pertaining to the Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, District Assemblies and Conferences, general office files, as well as files pertaining to the general matters of running the club.
- S2 Committee Files**
1930s-1990s, (2.5 linear ft.)
arranged alphabetically and chronologically
This series consists of the minutes, reports, and various projects undertaken by the individual committees within the club.
- S3 Correspondence**
1920s-1990s, (3.75 linear ft.)
arranged alphabetically and chronologically
This series includes general club correspondence in addition to the President's Correspondence and correspondence detailing various speakers and programs sponsored by the club throughout the years
- S4 Membership**
1918-1990s, (.5 linear ft.)
arranged alphabetically and chronologically
Included in this series is information on membership classifications, honorary members, senior members, and other material pertaining to membership in the Rotary Club of Toledo
- S5 Newsclippings**
1976-1985, 1993-1994, (.5 linear ft.)
arranged chronologically
Series consists of clippings from local newspapers concerning the Rotary Club
- S6 Photographs**
Dates unknown (.1 linear ft.)
One folder containing misc. photographs of Rotary members and Rotary functions

S7 Projects

1970s-1990s, (2 linear ft.)

arranged alphabetically and chronologically

series consists of the files of the various club projects undertaken by Toledo Rotary as well as proposals for projects that were not approved

S8 Rotary International

(.1 linear ft.)

Arranged alphabetically and chronologically

Series is made up of misc. files pertaining to Rotary International

S9 Toledo Rotary Good Fellowship Foundation

1959-1994, (1.6 linear ft.)

Arranged alphabetically and chronologically

Series consists of the projects and scholarships undertaken by the Good Fellowship Foundation, an endowment fund of the Toledo Rotary

S10 Toledo Rotary

1912-1998, (.30 linear ft.)

Arranged alphabetically and chronologically

Series is made up entirely of materials pertaining to the history of the Toledo Rotary Club. This series also includes scrapbooks (which are in extremely poor condition) dating from 1912 through the 1940s.

S11 Rosters

1915-1916, 1918-1919, 1921-1998, (.15 linear ft.)

arranged chronologically

Series consists entirely of the rosters of the Toledo Rotary Club for the above years

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Folder List

Box Folder Arrangement

Box	Folder	Arrangement
		S1 Administration (2 linear feet)
1	1	Board of Directors, n.d.
	2	Board of Directors, 1993
	3	Board of Directors, 1994
	4	Board of Directors, 1995
	5	Board of Directors, 1996-1997
	6	Board of Directors, 1998
	7	Board of Directors – Correspondence, 1991-1992 1 of 2
	8	Board of Directors – Correspondence, 1991-1992 2 of 2
	9	Board of Directors – Correspondence, 1992-1993
	10	Board of Directors – Correspondence, 1993-1994
	11	Board of Directors – Correspondence, 1994-1995
	12	Board of Directors – Correspondence, 1995-1996
	13	Board of Directors – Correspondence, 1996-1997
	14	Board of Directors – Correspondence, 1997-1998
	15	Board of Trustees, 1 of 2
	16	Board of Trustees, 2 of 2
	17	District Assembly 1 of 3
	18	District Assembly 2 of 3
	19	District Assembly 3 of 3
	20	District Conference (spring)
	21	District Conference, 1965
	22	District Conference, 1972 1 of 2
	23	District Conference, 1972 2 of 2
	24	District Conference, 1972 Correspondence 1 of 2
	25	District Conference, 1972 Correspondence 2 of 2
	26	District Conference, 1972 Promotional Materials
	27	District Conference, pamphlets 1 of 2
2	1	District Conference, pamphlets 2 of 2
	2	District Conference, 1989
	3	District Governor, Lowell E. Thurston, 1989-1990
	4	District Governor, Zane U. Bourisseau, 1990-1991
	5	District Governor, Glenn Hennings, 1991-1992
	6	District Governor, Dr. Elwood Anderson, 1992-1993
	7	District Governor, John M. Brodbeck
	8	District Governor, John D. Kurfess, 1995-1996
	9	District Governor, Jim Smith, 1996-1997
	10	District Governor, H. W. Goodnight, 1997-1998
	11	District 6600, Correspondence

- 12 District 6600, group student exchange 1 of 5
- 13 District 6600, group student exchange 2 of 5
- 14 District 6600, group student exchange 3 of 5
- 15 District 6600, group student exchange 4 of 5
- 16 District 6600, group student exchange 5 of 5
- 17 District 6600, literacy challenge
- 18 District 6600, Manual of Procedure
- 19 District 6600, zone institute
- 20 Office files, club assembly 1of 3
- 21 Office files, club assembly 2of 3
- 22 Office files, club assembly 3of 3
- 23 Office files, club policies
- 24 Office files, constitution and by-laws 1 of 2
- 25 Office files, constitution and by-laws 2 of 2
- 26 Office files, election/officers procedure
- 27 Office files, executives' association
- 28 Office files, invocations and prayers
- 29 Office files, Oregon/Northwood Rotary
- 3 1 Office files, Perrysburg Rotary
- 2 Office files, speaker list
- 3 Office files, territory boundary

S2 Committee Files (2.5 linear feet)

- 4 Attendance Committee
- 5 Boys Work Committee
- 6 Bridge Committee
- 7 Budget Committee
- 8 Budget Committee, 1957-1960 1of 2
- 9 Budget Committee, 1957-1960 2of 2
- 10 Budget Committee, 1960-1965 1 of 3
- 11 Budget Committee, 1960-1965 2 of 3
- 12 Budget Committee, 1960-1965 3 of 3
- 13 Budget Committee, 1966-1967
- 14 Community Service Committee
- 15 Community Service Committee (vial of life)
- 16 Concern for Aging Committee
- 17 Council for Past Presidents
- 18 Foundation Advisory Committee
- 19 Friendship Committee
- 20 Funding Subcommittee 1993-1994 (long range planning and budget)
- 21 Golf Committee
- 22 Good Fellowship Fund Advisory Committee
- 23 Greeters and Hosts Committee
- 24 Handicapped Service Committee
- 25 Handicapped Service Committee (DECEM Center)

- 4
- 26 House Committee
 - 27 Information Committee
 - 1 International Service Committee
 - 2 International Service Committee (MESA, medical project)
 - 3 Investment Review Committee
 - 4 Membership Classification Committee Minutes, 1981-1989
 - 5 Membership Classification Committee, 1985-1986
 - 6 Membership Classification Committee, 1986-1987
 - 7 Membership Classification Committee, 1987-1988
 - 8 Membership Extension Committee, 1985-1986
 - 9 Membership Extension Committee, 1986-1987
 - 10 Membership Extension Committee, 1987-1988
 - 11 Membership Extension Committee, 1988-1989
 - 12 Membership Extension Committee (classifications) 1994
 - 13 New Members Committee
 - 14 Nominating Committee
 - 15 Program Committee
 - 16 Scholarship Subcommittee
 - 17 Strategic Planning Survey
 - 18 Tellers Committee
 - 19 Vocational Service Committee
 - 20 Spouse's Committee
 - 21 Youth Committee
 - 22 Youth Committee (Four-Way Test Speech Contest)
 - 23 Youth Committee (Ronald McDonald House)
 - 24 Youth Committee (YWCA Battered Women's Shelter)

S3 Correspondence (3.75 linear feet)

- 25 Alexander, Paul
- 26 Anniversary of Rotary Clubs
- 27 Archives
- 28 Attendance Committee
- 29 Board of Directors and Officers
- 30 Bowling League, 1929
- 31 Boys Work Committee
- 32 The Bridge
- 33 Budget
- 34 Bunker, Alvah
- 35 Community Service Committee
- 36 Constitution Study Committee
- 37 Convention Committee
- 38 Crippled Children's Committee
- 39 Detroit Rotary Club
- 40 District 660 Assembly (Defiance)
- 41 District 660 Conference (Ashland)

42	District 660 Conference (Marion)
43	District 660 Conference (St. Marys)
44	District 660 Conference (Toledo)
45	Education/Information Meetings
46	Esperanto
47	Executive Secretaries Conference
48	The Family Tree
49	Fremont Rotary
50	Friendship Committee
51	Golf Committee
52	Golf Tournament
53	Grants
54	Greeters and Hosts Committee
5	1 Head Table Seating
	2 House Committee
	3 International Society for Crippled Children
	4 Kelsey Memorial Forum
	5 Leadership Forum
	6 Loans
	7 Memorials
	8 Misc. 1 of 3
	9 Misc. 2 of 3
	10 Misc. 3 of 3
	11 Ohio Society of Crippled Children
	12 Perfect Attendance Awards
	13 Perrysburg Rotary
	14 Program Committee
	15 Publication letters
	16 Puerto Rico Trip (District 660)
	17 Rehabilitation Work
	18 Rotary International Convention (Atlanta)
	19 Rotary International Convention (Houston)
	20 Rotary International Convention, 1968
	21 Rotary International Convention, 1969
	22 Rotary International Headquarters
	23 Scholarships
	24 Service to Rotary Clubs Committee
	25 Sympathy Notes
	26 Thank You Notes
	Subseries –Membership
	27 Attendance
	28 Classifications 1 of 2
	29 Classifications 2 of 2
	30 Dues

- 31 Leave of Absence 1 of 2
- 32 Leave of Absence 2 of 2
- 33 Membership Committee
- 34 Resignations

Subseries – President’s correspondence

- 35 Benjamin Dansard, 1987-1988
- 36 Richard B. Hartley, 1988-1989
- 37 Charles R. Schaub, 1989-1990
- 38 Steven E. Morris, 1990-1991
- 39 Robert Young, 1991-1992
- 40 A. Stephen Martindale, 1992-1993
- 41 Charles A. Stocking, 1993-1994
- 42 Susan L. Martin, 1994-1995
- 43 Eric J. Simmons, 1995-1996
- 44 Thomas Bloomer, 1996-1997
- 45 Marvin K. Himmelein, 1997-1998
- 46 Bill Bates, 1998-1999

Subseries – Speakers/Programs

- 6 1 Carl S. Abbott
- 2 John D. Anderson
- 3 Heber J. Badger
- 4 Bangladesh Emergency Relief Fund
- 5 Jim Bennett
- 6 Bond Issue for Toledo Public Schools
- 7 Chris Borden
- 8 Walter J. Breckenridge
- 9 The Bridge
- 10 Edward M. Brigham Jr.
- 11 Richard Bucholz
- 12 Franklyn Carney
- 13 Dennis Glenn Cooper
- 14 James C. Cornwell
- 15 Robert Cotlow
- 16 Robert Croskery
- 17 Arthur Dewey
- 18 Roland Doeden
- 19 Hugh Downs
- 20 Kalman B. Druck
- 21 Frank E. Duddy
- 22 Rear Admiral Alene B. Duerk
- 23 Glenn G. Dunbar
- 24 Ron Farquhar
- 25 Edward C. Ferriday

26 John Gardner
27 Phillip Geary
28 Ray Geiger
29 Ralph Gerstle
30 Dr. Reuben Gornitzka
31 George W. Goth
32 Fran William Hall
33 F. W. Hamper
34 Bently T. Handwork
35 Jay L. Hanna
36 Carter C. Hardwick Jr.
37 Bob Harrington
38 Earl L. Hilfiker
39 Hazel W. Hooper
40 Joseph L. Hudson Jr.
41 Eduard and Nina Ingris
42 Charles W. Jarvis
43 Edgar T. Jones
44 Junior Achievement
45 Neville Kanakaratne
46 Robert Kazmayer
47 Kiplinger Wahington Editors, Inc.
48 Zeno Klinker
49 Virginia H. Knauer
50 George Kocher
51 L. S. (Skip) Kreider
52 Thomas Lane
53 Major Pedro Diaz Lanz
54 Aubert Lavastida
55 Keith Leenhouts
56 Dan Lehman
57 General Lyman Lemnitzer
58 Richard Linde
59 David F. Linowes
60 Dwight Long
61 Lucas Co. Levy for Child Services
62 Charles Lucet
63 Dr. Fred E. Luchs
64 C.F. Lyons
65 Chess Lyons
66 Tom Martin
67 Karl H. Maslowski
68 Maumee Valley Historical Society
69 Samuel L. Meyer
70 Misc.

71	Dr. Donald J.D. Mulkerne
72	Nagal – Moore
73	Walt B. Noble
74	H. Bruce Palmer
75	Harry Pederson
76	Peggy’s Marionettes
77	H. Ross Perot
78	Hugh Pope
79	J. Lewis Powell
80	William Proxmire
81	Lee “Skipper” Quinn
82	James A. Rhodes
83	Kenneth Richter
84	Ralph Salerno
85	Senator William Saxbe
86	Norman Schley
87	John Scott
88	Shop Program, Interlake Steel Corporation
89	Elliot D. Sluhan
90	Carleton Smith
91	Godfrey Sperling Jr.
92	Carl B. Stokes
93	Senator Robert Taft Jr.
94	Quinn Tamm
95	Charles Forbes Taylor
96	Renee Taylor
97	Samuel H. Thomas
98	Toledo Orchestra
99	John C. Trever
100	Leon Volkov
101	General Lewis W. Walt
102	Stanton A. Waterman
103	Donald A. Weadon
104	Marvin E. White

S4 Membership (.5 linear feet)

105	Additional Active List
106	Classification changes
107	Deceased Rotarians 1 of 3
108	Deceased Rotarians 2 of 3
109	Deceased Rotarians 3 of 3
110	Disputes 1 of 2
111	Disputes 2 of 2
112	Honorary Members 1 of 3
1	Honorary Members 2 of 3

- 2 Honorary Members 3 of 3
- 3 President's Club 1 of 2
- 4 President's Club 2 of 2
- 5 Senior 1984-
- 6 Senior Active

S5 Newsclippings (.5 linear feet)

- 7 Not dated
- 8 1976
- 9 1977
- 10 1978
- 11 1979
- 12 1980
- 13 1981
- 14 1982
- 15 1983
- 16 1984
- 17 1985
- 18 1993-1994

S6 Photographs (.1 linear feet)

- 19 Misc. photographs

S7 Projects (2 linear feet)

- 20 Approved Projects, 1990-1991 1 of 2
- 21 Approved Projects, 1990-1991 2 of 2
- 22 Approved Projects, 1993-1994
- 23 Fellowship Events
- 24 Group Study Exchange Team, England, 1972
- 25 Group Study Exchange Team, Australia 1978-1979
- 26 Group Study Exchange Team, Turkey 1982
- 27 India Glass
- 28 India School
- 29 Interluncheon Golf League
- 30 International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians (IFFR)
- 31 International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians (IYFR)
- 32 Loftus Memorial
- 33 Owens Tech Scholarship Loan Fund
- 34 Polio Plus
- 35 Rejected Projects, 1993-1994
- 36 Requests for Funds, 1991
- 37 Scholarships and Youth Exchange
- 38 Toledo Rotary 50th Anniversary
- 39 Toledo Rotary 75th Anniversary 1 of 5
- 40 Toledo Rotary 75th Anniversary 2 of 5

- 8 1 Toledo Rotary 75th Anniversary 3 of 5
2 Toledo Rotary 75th Anniversary 4 of 5
3 Toledo Rotary 75th Anniversary 5 of 5
4 Toledo Rotary 75th Anniversary Art Project
5 Williams-Barrie Trip Oct. 27-28, 1982
6 World Community Workshop
7 Youth Exchange 1986-1987
8 Youth Exchange Program Materials
9 Youth Exchange – Wellens, Ludger, 1987-1988
10 Youth Exchange – Victor, Oliver, 1990-1991
11 Youth Exchange – Aguiliar Gonzalez, Patricia C.

S8 Rotary International (.1 linear feet)

- 12 Misc. 1 of 2
13 Misc. 2 of 2
14 Rotary International Foundation
15 Scholarships
16 75th Anniversary

S9 Toledo Rotary Good Fellowship Foundation (1.6 linear feet)

- 17 Bittersweet Farms Grant
18 Budget Planning
19 Campaign, 1987-1988
20 Campaign, 1993-1994
21 Camp Miakonda
22 Channel 30, capital improvement
23 Charter Foundation Fellowship
24 Constitution and Policies
25 William Cooke Memorial Scholarships 1 of 3
26 William Cooke Memorial Scholarships 2 of 3
27 William Cooke Memorial Scholarships 3 of 3
28 Correspondence
29 Foundation Enhancement Program
30 Foundation Recognition Day April 5, 1993
9 1 History
2 International Park
3 Junior Achievement Grant
4 Major Project, 1992-1993 1 of 2
5 Major Project, 1992-1993 2 of 2
6 MESA Matching Funds Project
7 Projects (Misc.) 1959-1985
8 Projects, 1985-1986
9 Projects, 1986-1987 1 of 2
10 Projects, 1986-1987 2 of 2
11 Projects, 1987-1988 1 of 2

- 12 Projects, 1987-1988 2 of 2
- 13 Projects, 1988-1989 1 of 2
- 14 Projects, 1988-1989 2 of 2
- 15 Projects, 1989-1990 1 of 3
- 16 Projects, 1989-1990 2 of 3
- 17 Projects, 1989-1990 3 of 3
- 18 Projects, 1991-1992
- 19 Projects, 1992-1993 1 of 2
- 20 Projects, 1992-1993 2 of 2
- 21 Reminders
- 22 Requests not approved
- 23 Requests received
- 24 Sunset House Grant
- 25 UT Centennial Mall
- 26 Wills and Bequests

S10 Toledo Rotary (.30 linear feet)

- 27 History 1 of 8
- 10 1 History 2 of 8
- 2 History 3 of 8
- 3 History 4 of 8
- 4 History 5 of 8
- 5 History 6 of 8
- 6 History 7 of 8
- 7 History 8 of 8
- 11 1 Scrapbooks 1911-1914
- 12 1 Scrapbooks 1912
- 13 1 Scrapbooks 1914-1917
- 14 1 Scrapbooks 1921-1968
- 15 1 Scrapbooks 1958-1963

S11 Rosters (.15 linear feet)

- 16 1915-16
- 1918-19
- 1921-58
- 17 1959-82
- 18 1983-98