

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Bloomington Rotary Club Collection**

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**Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1919-1995
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NOTES:	None

**Brief History**

The Bloomington Rotary Club was organized in 1915. From the beginning, the Rotary Club members played a large role in the community. Bloomington had periodic water famines early in the club's history. Four Rotary charter members were in the majority of the city council that gave Bloomington an adequate water source, and Rotarians also gave the finances necessary to fund the project. Another early member, Allen Wylie, was the father of Bloomington's park system, and Ralph Mills later spearheaded the park expansion the growing city needed. Bloomington's Rotary Club also contributes to the community by giving scholarships to local high school graduates, supporting Little League, sending young people to Boy's State and Girl's State, and aiding Junior Achievement.

The Bloomington Cog of Rotary Club and its leaders have been recognized recently. Bryan Price and Judy Witt were named "Club President of the Year" by the District Governor for 2002-03 and 2003-04, respectively. Bloomington Rotary Club was named "Club of the Year" in 2003-04 for clubs over 50 members, and ranked second in the District in annual programs fund giving.

## Scope Note

This collection contains 15 folders, containing rosters, meeting notices, recorded business, programs, and membership cards. The collection spans the years from 1919-1969

### Box and Folder Inventory

#### Folder 1: 1920-25

- 1.1 Rotary Horticultural Banquet, 1920
- 1.2 Roster , 1920
- 1.3 Rotary Follies program, Feb 27-28, 1923.

#### Folder 2: 1926, 1927

- 2.1 Meeting Notices- August, September, December 1926
- 2.2 Meeting Notices- May, July, August, September, October, November, December

#### Folder 3: 1928

- 3.1 Meeting Notices- January-December

#### Folder 4: 1929

- 4.1 Meeting Notices- January-December
- 4.2 Roster

#### Folder 5: 1930

- 5.1 Roster (2 copies)
- 5.2 Meeting notices and recorded business January- December

#### Folder 6: 1931

- 6.1 Roster
- 6.2 Annual conference program
- 6.3 Meeting notices and recorded business January-September

#### Folder 7: 1932

- 7.1 Roster (4)
- 7.2 Meeting notices and recorded business January-July

#### Folder 8: 1933-34

- 8.1 1933 Roster (2)
- 8.2 1934 Roster (4)
- 8.3 Meeting notices January-July

#### Folder 9: 1935

- 9.1 Roster (7)

#### Folder 10: 1936-1939

- 10.1 1936 Roster (3)

- 10.2 1937 Roster (3)
- 10.3 1938 Roster (4)
- 10.4 1938 election re-count notes
- 10.5 1939 Roster (2)
- 10.6 District Conference program

**Folder 11: 1940s**

- 11.1 1940 Roster (3)
- 11.2 1942 Roster
- 11.3 1943 Roster (2)
- 11.4 1944 Roster (3)
- 11.5 1944-1945 Roster
- 11.6 1947-1948 Roster
- 11.7 1948-1949 Roster
- 11.8 1949-1950 Roster
- 11.9 Rotary Clubs directory 1949-1950
- 11.10 July programs pamphlet 1947
- 11.11 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary brochure 1940
- 11.12 Rotary Birthday Table booklet

**Folder 12: 1950s**

- 12.1 1951-1952 Roster
- 12.2 1952-1953 Roster
- 12.3 1955-1956 Roster
- 12.4 1956-1957 Roster
- 12.5 1957-1958 Roster
- 12.6 1959-1960 Roster
- 12.7 Guy Carlton Rotary membership cards (4)

**Folder 13: 1960s**

- 13.1 1960-61 Roster
- 13.2 1961-62 Roster
- 13.3 1962-63 Roster
- 13.4 1963-64 Roster
- 13.5 1965-66 Roster (2)
- 13.6 1966-67 Roster
- 13.7 1968-69 Roster
- 13.8 1969-70 Roster

**Folder 14: 1970s**

- 14.1 1971 Roster
- 14.2 Recognition Banquet, May 9, 1974 for all clubs of Bloomington-Normal
- 14.2 1974-75 Roster
- 14.2 1978 Roster

**Folder 15: 1980s**

- 14.1 1980 Roster

**Folder 16: 1990s**

14.1 1994-95 Roster

**Folder 17: Rotary Constitutions**

14.1 Constitution and By-Laws of the Rotary Club of Bloomington Illinois, 1919

14.2 Constitution and By-Laws of the Rotary Club of Bloomington Illinois, 1940

**Folder 18: Miscellaneous**

15.1 Clinton Rotary Club Roster, 1939 (1)

15.2-8 Membership cards for Norwood Shisler, Keith Preston, J. Lewis Bailen, Paul Gill, Philip Queen, Richard Ogden, and Max Smith

15.9 Business Card for Charley Inman, Proprietor- Denver, Colorado.

15.10 Webster Electric Company post card- Racine, Wisconsin

15.11 "We Missed You" Rotary Club Card

15.12 Voting ballot

15.13 "This Rotarian Age" by Paul P. Harris Founder of Rotary flier