

Record Group 79

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Abstract

The Rotary Club International was formed on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois by Paul P. Harris. Rotary International stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build peace and goodwill in the world. Today, there are over 32,000 Rotary Clubs in more than 200 countries and geographic areas.

The Rotary Club of Plymouth was founded March 7, 1924, and celebrated its 100th anniversary in March 2024.

Scope and Content

Includes collection of newsletters, books, and yearbooks as well as other items that concern the Rotary Club of Plymouth, MI.

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Entry 1: Broadcaster Newsletters

The *Broadcaster*. The weekly newsletter of the Rotary Club of Plymouth. Publication began in 1925. The collection is not complete. All of the *Broadcasters* have been digitized.

- Binder 1: July 1934-June 1939
Binder 2: July 1939-June 1943
Binder 3: July 1943-June 1948
Binder 4: July 1948-June 1954
Binder 5: July 1954-June 1959
Binder 6: July 1959-June 1965
Binder 7: July 1965-June 1997
Binder 8: July 2000-June 2008

Entry 2: Books

Box 1

1963-1964 Official Directory of Rotary International. Rotary International. Evanston, IL. 1963.

Adventure in Service. Rotary International. Evanston, IL. 1975.

Harris, Paul P. *My Road to Rotary: The Autobiography of Paul P. Harris: Founder of Rotary*. A. Kroch & Son, Publishers. Chicago. 1948.

Rotary: Fifty Years of Service: 1905-1955. Rotary International. Evanston, IL. 1954.

Service is My Business. Rotary International. Evanston, IL. 1976.

The Outline of Classifications: A Guide for Rotary Clubs. 1952 Edition. Rotary International. Evanston, IL. 1956.

1947-48 Administration Year Book. Rotary International. Chicago, Bombay, London, Zurich.

Entry 3: Anniversary Books

- Plymouth Rotary Club, Plymouth, Michigan. Silver Anniversary. 1924-1949. (2 copies)
Plymouth Rotary Club Plymouth, Michigan. 1924-1962. (3 copies)
Rotary Club of Plymouth. Fortieth Anniversary. 1924-1964.

Rotary Club of Plymouth. Our 50th Year. 1924-1974. (2 copies)
Rotary Club of Plymouth. 75 Years in Plymouth. 1924-1999.
Rotary Club of Plymouth. 90 Years of Service. 1924-2014.
Rotary Club of Plymouth. 100 Years of Service Anniversary Gala. 1924-2024.

The Rotary Club of Plymouth, 1924-1976—First Annual State of the Club Banquet, 1976

Entry 4: Token of Friendship

Rotary Wheel: “Presented to the Rotary Club of Plymouth, Michigan by the Rotary Club of Karlsbad, Czecho-Slovakia on a visit to the latter club by Rotarian Charles H. Bennett. March 13, 1936.

Entry 5: Articles

Folder 1: Newspaper articles

Entry 6: Attendance Reports

Rotary Club Attendance Reports 1935-1979. Not complete.

Entry 7 State of the Club

Folder 1: State of the Club Correspondence

Folder 2: State of the Club Pamphlets 1976-2002. Not complete

Entry 8: Membership Lists

Folder 1: Membership Correspondence

Folder 2: Membership Lists

Entry 9: Histories and History Committee

“Early History of Plymouth Rotary”

“More History”

“A Capsule History of Rotary”

“Plymouth Rotary Club-History & Highlights”

“Today We Are Celebrating the 68th Anniversary of Plymouth Rotary”

“Rotary Club History-1920-1970”

“Early History of Plymouth Rotary”

History Committee Correspondence

Entry 10 Official Plymouth Rotary Club Documents

Folder 1: Committee Reports

Folder 2: Documents

Treasurer’s Annual Report June 26, 1964 to June 25, 1965

Nov. Financial report 1962

Financial report 1963 Jan-July, September

1968-1969 Donations, treasurer disbursements and receipts

Rotary Plans and Objectives 1986-87

Rotary Club Committee Reports 1986-87
Rotary Club Committee Reports 1987-1988
Letter regarding mailing of membership materials 1990
Annual Conference program March 16, 1963
Minutes and Committee reports 1982-1988

Folder 3: Constitution & Bylaws
Constitution and Bylaws Adopted June 6, 1922- 1924 addition
Bylaws

Folder 4: Printed Materials

Folder 5: Correspondence
Folder 6: Classifications

Entry 11 Photos

Binder 1: 1930-1987

- 1930 Rotary meeting at Mayflower Hotel
- 1949 25th anniversary cake cutting. Negatives. Charter members Jesse Hake, Harry Lush, John Dayton, Carl Shear, Edward Hough, Paul Wiedman, Sidney Strong & Dr. Bernice "Brick" Champe
- 1955 Rotary International Anniversary. Some negatives.
- June 1956 Passing the gavel from Dave Galin to Don Sutherland.
- 1957 Awards from Livonia to some Plymouth Rotarians
- 1957 negatives of Rotary Builders Show
- 1958 Edward Hough award
- 1958 Easter Seal Drive
- 1960 Checks to Salvation Army
- 1961 Easter Seals, other photos
- 1963 Harold Guenther hands gavel to Bob Beyer
- 1964 40th Anniversary
- March 22, 1974 Golden (50th) Anniversary Banquet
- 1974 Plymouth Rotary Farm
- May 14, 1976 Rotary Club Photo
- November 1977 Rotary Club photos
- October 1978 Rotary Club photos
- 1979, 1985-1987 Rotary Club photos
- 1979 Exchange Students with Dick Kirchgatter negatives
- June 1981 Rotary Officer pictures
- July 1981 Hot air balloon photos
- August 1981 Rotary Club photos
- January 13, 1982 check to Rotary Foundation
- 1982-1983 Rotary Club meetings
- 1984 Trip to Harrow, Canada

Binder 2: 1987-1992

- 1987-1992 Rotary Club photos

Binder 3: 1993-2014

- 1993, 1995, 2001, 2002 Rotary Golf Classic
- 1996 Smith School Playscape
- 1994-2000 Rotary Club photos
- 2014 Rotary 90th Anniversary photo

Binder 4: Undated Rotary Photos

Binder 5: Rotary Members and Groups

Binder 6: Rotary Chicken BBQ 1956-1985

Binder 7: Rotary Chicken BBQ 1986-1997

Binder 8: Rotary Chicken BBQ 1999-2001

Binder 9: Rotary Chicken BBQ 2002-2003

Binder 10: Rotary Chicken BBQ 2004-2006, Undated

Entry 12 Song Books

Binder 1: Rotary Songs (loose pages)

Box 1: Books and Booklets

Favorite Songs of the Nineties, edited by Robert A. Fremont

Sing, Rotarians, Sing

Songs for the Rotary Club: Words and Music

The Rotary Club of Plymouth Song Book (2 copies)

All-American Song Book

Entry 13 Rotary Chicken BBQ

Folder 1: Rotary Chicken BBQ 1956-1969

Folder 2: Rotary Chicken BBQ 1970-

Entry 14 Rotary Golf Classic

Folder 1: Rotary Golf Classic

Entry 15 Rotary Talks

Folder 1: Rotary Talks, various years

Entry 16 Rotary Foundation

Folder 1: 1962-1970 & Official Documents

Folder 2: 1982-1987