



Rotary Club (Columbia, Mo.) Records (C4230)

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Collection Title: Rotary Club (Columbia, Mo.) Records

Dates: 1922-1996

Creator: Rotary Club of Columbia, Missouri

Abstract: The records of the Columbia, Missouri, Rotary Club, District 605, contains correspondence, meeting minutes, financial records, newsletters, publicity material, membership records, activities, conference material, and photographs.

Collection Size: 7.0 cubic feet
(302 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Early in the year 1922 efforts undertaken by the Rotary Club of St. Louis to establish a rotary club in Columbia met with favorable response by a group of 25 Columbia business and professional men. This group selected three of its members, Joe Somerville, Berry McAlester and Frank Rollins as an organizational committee.

The committee called the first meeting to be held at noon on January 26 at the Daniel Boone Tavern for organizational purposes. A board of directors was elected consisting of: F.B. Rollins, J.W. Hudson, J.R. Somerville, E.J. McCaustland, W.E. Smith, and F.W. Dearing. The board then elected the following officers: president, J.W. (Jay) Hudson; vice-president, F.B. (Bing) Rollins; treasurer, W.E. (Emmett) Smith; secretary, F.W. (Frank) Dearing.

Two weeks later, on February 10 an installation meeting was held. Rotarians from Jefferson City, Mexico, Moberly, Sedalia, and St. Louis “entertained and instructed” the Columbia Rotarians. Hi Martin of St. Louis served as toastmaster.

However, it was not until April 14 that charter night was held. Due to poor weather, no guests attended, except Ross Burns, governor of the 17th District, and Hi Martin. With the receipt of its charter the Columbia club officially became Club Number 1114. At this time 28 members were considered charter members. Their names are as follows: Orville M. Barnett, William C. Bowling, Walter H. Braselton, Henry A. Collier, Frank W. Dearing, Charles W. Digges, John Carleton Jones, Edgar D. Lee, Frank W. Leonard, Berkeley Estes, W.W. Garth, William J. Hetzler, Robert E. Lee Hill, Jay W. Hudson, D. Barton Robnett, C.B. Rollins Jr., Frank B. Rollins, Alfonso Johnson, Berry McAlester, E.J. McCaustland, Thomas McHarg, Frederick B. Mumford, W.B. Nowell, James S. Rollins, W. Emmett Smith, Joseph R. Somerville, J.E. Thorton, James M. Wood.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following eight series:

- Correspondence
- Meeting Minutes
- Newsletters
- Financial
- Functions
- Membership
- District Conference
- Photographs

Scope and Content Note:

Correspondence

The Correspondence series contains discussions on membership, conferences, reports, and community service activities. The years covered are 1934-1986.

Meeting Minutes

The Meeting Minutes series consists of material pertaining to meeting attendance, membership dues, and event planning, 1922-1996.

Newsletters

The Newsletters series consists of information regarding local and international Rotary Club activities and events, 1959-1986.

Financial

The Financial series consists of logs showing membership payments; expenses for various dinners and awards banquets, as well as records of money for fellowships and sponsorships, Rotary Club stationary, award plaques, various other events, and miscellaneous expenses, 1922-1996.

Functions

The Functions series focuses more specifically on the activities and events sponsored or held by the Rotary Club. These include luncheons, group study exchanges with Rotary Clubs in other countries, district assemblies, and special reports, 1965-1984.

Membership

The Membership series contains rosters of members and charter members, which include whether deceased or resigned, as well as member occupations; Service of members, and semi-annual reports, 1933-1986.

District Conference

The District Conference series consists of various newsletters announcing conferences, which will list times of plenary sessions, topics, etc.; reports of the Annual District Conference; committee reports, lists; ballots for proposed Rotary legislation; conference special events and activities; project discussions, 1973-1983.

Photographs

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