



Guide to the Rotary Club of Durham Records, 1915-2005

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Summary

Collection Title:

Rotary Club of Durham records, 1915-2005

Creator:

Rotary Club of Durham (Durham, N.C.)

Abstract:

The Rotary Club of Durham was chartered in 1915 as part of Rotary International, an organization of service clubs. The records from the Rotary Club of Durham include bulletins, committee files, membership cards, board minutes, anniversary projects, photographs, scrapbooks, and other miscellaneous materials relating to the activities and members of the club.

Extent:

21 Linear Feet (15 boxes)

Language:

Material in English

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Background

Scope and Content

The records from the Rotary Club of Durham include bulletins, committee files, membership cards, board minutes, anniversary projects, photographs, scrapbooks, and other miscellaneous materials relating to the activities and members of the club.

Biographical/Historical

The Rotary Club of Durham was first organized by Walter Holladay in November 1915 as a branch of Rotary International. In its early years, the club participated in numerous projects, including the building of Rotary Park in Durham, fundraising for community organizations, serving underprivileged children, and assisting the war effort through selling war bonds and volunteering for the Red Cross. Following World War II, the club began establishing loan funds and scholarship programs for students. It partnered with the Y.M.C.A. and sponsored camp programs for local youths. The Club also arranged exchanges with other Rotary Clubs internationally. The first woman was inducted into membership in 1988, and the Club celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 2015. The Club continues to operate in Durham and is a part of Rotary International District 7710.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Collection is open for research.

Use Restrictions

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Acquisition Information

The Rotary Club of Durham Records were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library as a gift in 2008. Addition received as a gift in 2023.

Processing Information

Accession 2008-0272 received and preliminarily processed by Meghan Lyon in 2008.

Addition 2023-0188 received and added in Dec. 2023 by Meghan Lyon.

Materials have not been ordered and described beyond their original condition.

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Related Materials

Related Material

The David M. Rubenstein Rare Book and Manuscript Library also holds the Rotary International District 7710 Records.

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Names and Subjects

- Volunteers
- Black-and-white photographs
- Administrative records
- Rosters
- Durham (N.C.)
- Newsletters
- Clippings (information artifacts)
- Rotary Club (Durham, N.C.)
- Rotary International

Collection Inventory

Official Club bulletins, 1930-1996	Box 1
Correspondence, 1915-1964	Box 2
Photographs and slides	Box 2
Correspondence, 1964-1986	Box 3
Board minutes, 1915-1931	Box 3
Board minutes, 1931-1949	Box 4
Membership cards (alphabetical)	Box 4
Board minutes, 1949-1992	Box 5
Board minutes, 1992-1995	Box 6
Committee files	Box 6
Miscellaneous files	Box 6
Membership cards (alphabetical)	Box 7
Club history and chronology	Box 7
Rotary Archives files (re: Constitution, Rotary Club Fellowship candidates, activities)	Box 8
Rotary Archives files, continued	Box 9
Club directories, 1966-1997	Box 9
50th and 75th Anniversary files	Box 9
Board minutes, 1995-1999	Box 10
School project files, 2000-2002	Box 10
Membership "resignations/terminations" books	Box 11
Club directories, 1931-1968	Box 11

Park project file	Box 11
Board minutes, 1996-1997 and 1999-2000	Box 11
Board minutes, 2000-2001	Box 12
Rotary Headlines scrapbook, 1938-1949	Box 13
Rotary Headlines scrapbook, 1949-1951	Box 13
Photo album, date unknown	Box 13
Scrapbook, 1965	Box 13
Scrapbook, 1983-1984	Box 14
Paul Harris Fellow awards, approximately 2000s	Box 15
Scope and Contents	
Contains certificates and two medals for individuals: William Barker French and Thomas N. Rightmeyer.	
Meeting attendance and membership lists, 1945-1958	Box 15
Physical Description: 2 folders	
Constitution and by-laws, 1987	Box 15
Board minutes, budgets, directory, "The ABCs of Rotary", 1991-1993	Box 15
Board minutes binders, 1924-1990	Box 15
Physical Description: 8 folders	
Scope and Contents	
Photocopies of original Rotary documents, largely meeting minutes, which were originally in ring binders but which have been foldered for preservation.	
Rotary Bulletin issue, 2002 July 22	Box 15
Cloth aprons (2), approximately 2000s	Box 15