

Service Above Self:
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Throughout the history of our nation, its citizens have been well-known for their volunteerism and willingness to serve their communities in a variety of ways. One of these is by means of joining and being active in civic clubs, commonly referred to as service clubs. And Winfield could boast of sponsoring a number of such groups, which over the years have included Lions, Kiwanis, Optimist, Jaycees, Soroptimist and Rotary. It is the latter that is the subject of this paper.

The Winfield Rotary Club, still going strong after offering ninety years of "service above self" to Winfield and the international community, brings local businesspeople and professionals together not only for informative meetings and fellowship but also to contribute both time and money to local projects and to international education, health and peace endeavors. But, first we may want to ask ourselves just what is Rotary, how did it begin, where, and by whom.

ORIGINS OF ROTARY: Paul P. Harris, a lawyer, had lived in Chicago about nine years when he decided to call three of his friends together to discuss forming a club. His friends were a coal dealer, a mining engineer and a merchant tailor. The club's purpose would be to promote mutual helpfulness, stressing the idea that men in business could, and should be personal friends. The club's plan included the idea that one active person from each recognized business and profession in the community would be a member. Consequently each member would be a representative not only of his own business but also of his business or professional field. This would become known as the classification system.

Harris and his three associates formed the parent club in Chicago on February 23, 1905. The new club was called "Rotary" because the meetings were held in rotation at the members' various places of business.

Additional members were selected without regard to religious, racial or political differences. The group included members of American, German, Swedish, and Irish ancestry. Members were of the Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faiths, all products of the American melting pot, typical of the international organization they would establish.

When Harris became president in the club's third year he was eager to extend Rotary to other cities. Thus, the second Rotary Club was founded in San Francisco in 1908. By 1910 there were 16 clubs and eight years later there were more than 400. When clubs were formed in Canada and Great Britain, making the movement international in scope, the name was changed to International Association of Rotary Clubs, and in 1922 the name was shortened to Rotary International (R.I.).

Today in R.I. there are nearly 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries with over 1.2 million members.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WINFIELD CLUB: The Winfield Rotary Club began in 1918, only thirteen years after the original club was organized in Chicago. Members of the Rotary Clubs of Wichita (chartered in 1911) and Arkansas City (chartered in 1917) assisted in the founding of the Winfield Club. Wichita is considered the parent of both the Arkansas City and Winfield clubs. On March 20, 1918, the first meeting to consider a Rotary Club was held in Winfield with Forrest Kelley as temporary chairman and Tom Parker as temporary secretary. Dr. Seydall and Leo Massey of Wichita and Albert Faulconer and Dick Keefe of Arkansas City attended. It was decided to organize a Rotary Club in Winfield with an initiation fee of \$5 and annual dues of \$10.

The first permanent meeting was held April 1, 1918. The meeting elected Forrest Kelley, president; L.B. Crawford, secretary; H.A. McGregor, treasurer; and Fred Clarke, sergeant-at-arms. C.W. Roberts was appointed chairman of the committee on constitution and bylaws.

On April 18, 1918, Clement Williams, the Deputy District Governor, presided at the installation of the officers. District Governor Charles Dawson of Tulsa delivered the club's charter on June 3, 1918. Four guests from Arkansas City were present, and charter member J.W. Gowans spoke regarding the public school system.

The Winfield club credited the Wichita and Arkansas City Rotarians with dispelling some of the misgivings about Rotary. Of particular concern was that the classification system (i.e. one member from each business or professional field) might create a narrow and exclusive system resulting in ill will and dissension. However, the occupations of twenty-seven charter members included two representatives of Life Insurance (Hal Johnson and Frank Siverd) and fine distinctions such as Gasoline-Trucks (Art P. Johnson), and Gasoline-Pleasure Cars (Ray Stuber). Records indicate all four were accepted as members. The classification system is not now as closely adhered to as it once was.

The rest of the charter members filled diverse occupational groups such as wholesalers, retailers, investments, insurance, savings and loans, educators, and physicians. On May 6, 1918, the roll call showed the average age of members to be 44.25 years and average length of residency in Winfield to be 26.3 years.

EARLY ACTIVITIES OF THE WINFIELD ROTARY CLUB: Rotary International and its districts guide and support the local clubs. However, each club elects its own officers and enjoys considerable autonomy within the framework of Rotary's constitution and bylaws. For example, with its early entry into Rotary the Winfield club is not subject to a weekly meeting requirement. Early records from 1918 show there were no meetings in July, August, September, and December, and only one meeting in May, October and November. Originally the club met in the evenings on the first and third Mondays of each month. On April 19, 1920, meetings were changed to the second and fourth Mondays. The minutes of the April 12, 1926, meeting state "bylaws amended changing meeting nights from the second and fourth to the first and third Monday nights". On June 3, 1929, an amendment was adopted changing meeting times from the first and third Monday evenings to noon on the first and third Wednesdays. No changes have been made since.

The early interests and activities of the club are revealed in summaries of its meetings. The club wanted to boost operation of street car lines (November 18, 1918), favored the present site for the soldier's memorial (January 6, 1919), pledged support to purchase the Robinson block (February 3, 1919), discussed the Boy Scouts and the municipal swimming pool (June 16, 1919), and sponsored a banquet in honor of the Board of Education and teachers (March 18, 1920). Club members heard a report on the Kansas City convention by J.J. Brady (October 7, 1918), a discussion of Rotary and its purposes by Robert H. Bloomfield (February 3, 1919), and a recommendation to divide District 17 into three districts of Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma (April 7, 1919).

Members spoke on topics related to their occupation or profession. Singing received careful attention. Six club members debated the district issue. On more weighty matters Dr. C.C. Hawke spoke of "Experiences in France" (May 6, 1919) and Albert Kirk considered "What Will Solve the World's Unrest?" (March 1, 1920).

The subjects of discussion were varied. Topics included "Seventeen Reasons Why Smutty Stories Should Not Be Told," "Conditions in the Coal Field," "Sociology of Youth," "Can the Influence of International Rotary Prevent Another War" (H.L. Snyder), "Partial Payment Financing," and "My Impressions of an Industrial Town Compared With An Educational Town" (Robert B. Durrin).

Other activities included the endorsement of the bond issue for the junior high school, pledged a Christmas fund of \$5 per member for two years, supported expenses of delegates to Camp Wood, developed a twilight baseball league for junior boys, entertained high school senior boys, and started a student loan fund.

For many years the Rotary Club, as well as other service and civic clubs, held their meetings in the Chamber of Commerce dining room. During that time it was just about the only place where meetings could be held on a regular basis. The dining room could comfortably accommodate no more than one hundred people.

After the closure of the Chamber's dining room, local groups had to scramble to find meeting places. The author remembers that Rotary, at one time or other, met at the American Legion, Southwestern College, the Elk's Lodge, Island Park, and several churches. Once or twice Rotarians met only to find that no food was available. Since the opening of the Community Center at Baden Square, Rotarians now have a permanent place to meet and eat.

ROTARYANNS (Wives of Rotarians): The first time ladies attended a meeting was noted on March 3, 1919. The wives of members would eventually organize (July 6, 1955) a RotaryAnn group which remained intermittently active until women were admitted to membership. Women participated in other ways. For example, one of the highlights of the first few years was a Dark Town Minstrel Show staged by RotaryAnn Pearl Hamilton on January 5, 1920. The RotaryAnns assisted the Rotarians whenever their services were needed.

A unique contribution of a RotaryAnn was noted by Charles Lynn on October 25, 1920, who wrote: "Were I to offer any criticism on the local club as a whole, I might repeat a comment

that I overheard from one of our charming but candid RotaryAnns and that is that we ‘too well like the sound of our own sweet voices.’”

ADMISSION OF WOMEN: Rotary wrestled with important issues as the times and attitudes began changing. In 1978 the Durate, California, club was expelled for admitting women as full members. Like most Rotary clubs of the time, the Winfield club supported the expulsion. However, several years later a U.S. Supreme Court decision ruled that service clubs could no longer refuse membership on the basis of sex alone. Wallace Grey in his 75 year history of the Winfield Rotary Club wrote

...the club instantly complied with Rotary International’s change of policy by inviting Dorothy Flottman to membership. On October 7, 1987, she became an active Rotarian, countless one of the first women Rotarians in Kansas. Flottman had first served as executive secretary for the club while she was employed by the Chamber of Commerce...that term lasted from 1949 to 1954. Lyman Burgess, who probably has been responsible for more persons joining the Winfield club than any other Rotarian, acted as secretary until he asked Dorothy to take her old job back. This time her term stretched from 1963 to January 1983 when she resigned to take up her duties as a legislator in Topeka...

Past women presidents of the Winfield Rotary Club are Judy Chambers, Dorothy Flottman, Lois Loucks, Laura Buterbaugh and Kelle Thompson.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST: An important principle Rotarians follow is the Four-Way Test. In 1912, in Chicago, a young salesman named Herbert J. Taylor became president of a nearly defunct aluminum pots and pans company. Working to improve the company, he devised some simple questions for testing the relationship between the company and its suppliers, distributors, employees, and stockholders. He instructed employees to use the test in all company transactions. He credited the recovery of the company to these tests, and in 1954, as incoming president of Rotary International, donated his copyright as a gift from the company. The test applies to the things we think, say or do:

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?

FOUR AVENUES OF SERVICE: Rotary members are responsible for the four avenues of service which include club, vocational, community and international. These responsibilities are: 1) sustaining or increasing their membership bases; 2) participating in service projects that benefit their own communities and those in other countries; 3) supporting the Rotary Foundation (not-for-profit philanthropic arm of Rotary) through financial support and program participation and; 4) developing leaders capable of serving Rotary beyond the club level.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL and ROTARY FOUNDATION PROGRAMS: The Winfield Club participates in the programs of the Rotary Foundation through contributions and individual involvement.

Rotary sponsors Ambassadorial Scholarships for university-level study abroad. Rebecca Flottman studied at the University of Sydney, Australia (1975-1976). During June and July 1975 Cathe Sherrard visited Brazil as a member of a Rotary Student Exchange Program.

District Fellowships supported Larry Cook at Frankfurt am Main, Germany (1962-63); Elizabeth Seaton at Edinburgh, Scotland (1989-90); Sandra Skelton at the University of Sydney, Australia (1991-1992); and Suzanne Spainhour at the University of Kent, England (1992-93).

Group Study Exchange Teams: This is a short-term cultural and vocational exchange program between Rotary districts in different countries. Rotary members serve as team leaders. Participants are four young (25 to 40 year-old) non-member professionals. Rotarian Bob Storbeck was a team leader to the Philippines. Local participants in other exchanges include Bob Redford to India (later a member of Winfield Rotary and now an Honorary Member), LeBaron Baptista to Brazil, Dr. Rich Dunfee to Scotland, Rebecca Schroll to the Philippines, Keith Chuvala to Chile (later a member of Winfield Rotary), Jeanne Dexter to India, Vijay Sherring to Argentina, Cheryl Rude and Bobby Smith to Japan, Peggy Craig to Mexico, and Dakotah Davis to Argentina.

G.S.E. Teams from many different countries have been entertained by Winfield Rotarians including Scotland, Netherlands, Australia, England, South Africa, Korea, Philippines, Chile, India, Argentina, France, Brazil and Mexico. The Winfield club hosted a team from Great Britain in November, 2008, and in 2009 will host a team from Germany.

In 1999 the United States Congress established, under the direction of the Library of Congress, the Open World Program to enhance understanding between the United States and Russia. Through this program, Russian leaders have received a first-hand look at the U.S. political system, business environment and community life. U.S. Rotary clubs have cooperated with the visits. The Winfield club participated in two of these programs and hosted groups of five Russian nationals September 15-20, 1999, and March 8-16, 2003. Plans are being made to host another group sometime during 2009.

Since 1985 the PolioPlus program has advanced from providing polio vaccines to children in developing countries to assisting health care workers in the field, providing training for laboratory personnel, tracking the polio virus, and working with governments to support the program. Rotarians worldwide have raised more than \$650 million and volunteered thousands of hours to this program whose goal is to completely eradicate polio. Thus far Winfield Rotary has contributed \$3,000.00 to PolioPlus.

For nearly twenty years Winfield Rotary has assisted the Agoo (Philippines) Water Well project with yearly donations of \$500. The hand-dug wells reach eighty feet, are covered when water is reached, and fitted with a pump similar to ones found on Kansas farms. More wells providing safe drinking water are badly needed; therefore this project continues.

Panama is another area which has received help from Winfield Rotarians. Dr. B.A. "Bernie" Nickel (now an Honorary member of Winfield Rotary) has traveled to Panama several times to provide optometry services. Don and Rotary Ann Betsy Drennan have made frequent trips to help in the construction of low cost (\$2,000) homes and other buildings in need of repair.

WINFIELD COMMUNITY PROJETS/PROGRAMS: Over the past forty-six years the local club has given over \$95,000 in college scholarships from a fund established upon the death of former District Governor and Winfield Rotarian Edwin D. "Ted" Pile by the Pile family. Donations from club members continue to increase the fund.

The scholarship committee awards the scholarships on the basis of good character and ability. Five Winfield High School graduates each received a \$1,000 scholarship in June 2008.

Since 1994 Winfield Rotary has organized, coordinated and raised the necessary funds for the Fourth of July Celebration. The annual event is held at Southwestern College's Sonner Stadium and enables hundreds of area residents, especially children, to enjoy the entertainment and fireworks display.

Winfield Rotarians are actively involved with the Isle of Lights holiday program at Island Park. At the beginning, the club purchased one of the displays and members continue to volunteer their help in erecting the display each year. In addition, members also help every Sunday evening at the main gate when the display is open to the public.

At a club meeting held on May 14, 1964, the club approved the construction of a picnic pavilion at Island Park. It was estimated the material would cost approximately \$250. Club members volunteered to do the labor. By the time the project was completed in September 1965, the material cost approved by the club was \$559.93 and the estimated number of man hours required was 160. On August 11, 1965, the treasurer was authorized to pay \$115 to a local company for roofing the picnic pavilion.

In 2002 the club introduced a project called "Flags on Holidays". Area residents could, at a cost of \$30 a year, have an American flag displayed at their residences on five major holidays. The flags, owned by the Winfield club, are placed at the curb at each residence in the morning, taken down in late afternoon, and then stored until the next holiday. This continues to be a major source of income for the club.

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is a structured program for young people ages 14 to 18. Its purpose is to encourage personal, leadership and motivational development. The first RYLA Camp was held at Southwestern College on June 23-28, 1996. Rotarian Dean Kennedy, in cooperation with Southwestern College, has managed this youth program since its inception.

Winfield Rotarians donated the playground structure at the Winfield Aquatic Center at an approximate cost of \$10,000.

Book Distributions: (1) The parents of each baby born at William Newton Hospital receives a book titled "Books for Newborns". (2) Since 2001 each kindergartner in Winfield's public

and parochial schools has received his or her own "I Like Me" book which is individualized with the student's name, teacher's name, friends, etc. within the text of the story. (3) Third graders each year are given a dictionary which is illustrated with numerous pictures. This project has grown to not only include schools in Winfield but also in Dexter, Oxford, Udall, CedarVale, Central (Burden), and BellePlaine. At the next distribution, a dictionary will be given to each third grader attending school in Greensburg.

WINFIELD ROTARY'S 75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Clifford L. Dochterman, Stockton, California, was president of Rotary International during 1992-1993. Two years before he assumed the presidency Winfield Rotarian (and past District Governor) Bob Storbeck mailed a letter to Mr. Dochterman inviting him to visit the Winfield Rotary Club during his 1992-1993 term of office. The invitation was accepted and it was agreed that President Dochterman would attend the 75th anniversary of the Winfield Rotary Club which would be held on Monday, March 8, 1993.

During his visit to Winfield President Dochterman said when he learned he would serve as president of Rotary International during 1992-1993 he decided he would accept the first invitation he received from a club. Winfield's invitation was the first, he accepted, and Winfield Rotarians and guests were honored with his presence on March 8, 1993.

President Dochterman's lively sense of humor, ready smile, and positive outlook on life certainly reflected his 1992-1993 Rotary theme which was "REAL HAPPINESS IS HELPING OTHERS". He was an inspiration to those who had the opportunity to hear him speak at various events held during the day-long celebration. President Dochterman spoke at a 7:30 a.m. breakfast, a 12:00 noon luncheon, and the 75th anniversary banquet in the evening. During the day numerous individuals and small groups had the privilege of visiting with the R.I. President.

At the conclusion of the banquet, and after a full day of activities, all Rotarians and guests declared the 75th anniversary celebration a tremendous success.

ISLAND PARK COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND: Rotary International celebrated its 100th anniversary on February 23, 2005. Prior to the observance, every club in R.I. was asked to complete a special project in celebration of the centennial. Thus began the largest undertaking in the Winfield club's history.

At a board of directors meeting held on March 12, 2003, it was moved and seconded "that the board accept the proposal of a community built playground at Island Park with Rotary providing the leadership and that it be presented to the club membership for their approval at the March 19 meeting." Club members accepted the proposal. With the approval of the City of Winfield, the Winfield Parks Board and Winfield Unified School District #465, the organizational meeting for the playground was held on April 17, 2003. Rotarians Lois Loucks and Ron Godsey agreed to serve as "co-ordinators" for this huge project.

The one-of-a-kind playground was actually designed by the children of Winfield. Elementary school students from the public and parochial schools, plus home schooled

youth, submitted their ideas and dreams. The playground was carefully developed by a nationally known playground architectural firm, Leathers & Associates, Ithaca, New York, and was built to meet all guidelines and standards for safety, using the highest quality materials available. The labor was provided by more than 1,700 workers representing all professions, businesses, civic groups, and individuals, young and old. This was truly a community-built playground. The construction was successfully completed in a week and the dedication ceremony was held on Sunday, April 25, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. The final touches were completed just minutes prior to the dedication.

Winfield Rotary provided the leadership, but the playground could never have been completed had it not been for the volunteer help and financial assistance of the Winfield community. Through the generosity of donations, fundraisers, and interest, a total of \$236,678.24 was raised. Expenditures totaled \$235,639.05 which left a balance of \$1,039.19.

This cooperative effort resulted in the Island Park Community Playground, designed for enjoyment of our children and grandchildren for years to come. However, this enjoyment was to be short-lived, for on October 2, 2008, this facility was completely destroyed by fire. The good news is that with insurance money, along with community involvement, it will be rebuilt under the leadership of co-chairmen Mark Olney, Winfield Parks Department Director, and Rotarian Ron Godsey, who served as a co-chairman on the original committee. The playground is scheduled to be rebuilt in April 2009.

CONCLUSION: In 1911, when Rotary held its first international convention, two mottos were adopted – “Service Above Self” and “He Profits Most Who Serves Best”. The one word that exemplifies Rotary is service.

Today’s Rotarians are more actively involved in a variety of service projects and endeavors than in the past. The author recalls that during the 1950’s, when she was serving as executive secretary of the club, some members said if they ever had to go out and sell brooms or light bulbs they would resign from the club. To just “pass the hat” was much more appealing.

Currently, one will see Rotarians selling glo-sticks and snow cones at the Fourth of July Celebration, placing flags out on holidays, delivering dictionaries and “I Like Me” books to school children, working at the “Isle of Lights”, or picking up highway trash along a two mile section at the west edge of Winfield. In addition, hundred of hours are devoted each year to entertaining our international friends.

Past and present members of the Winfield Rotary Club are to be commended for their 90 years of “Service Above Self,” a legacy of service which future Rotarians are challenged to continue.

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RANDOM EXCERPTS

Winfield Rotary Club

Minutes from

April 1, 1918 to November 16, 1966.

April 1, 1918 – First permanent meeting, with following officers elected: Forrest Kelley, president; L.B. Crawford, secretary; H.A. McGregor, treasurer; and Fred Clark, sergeant-at-arms. C.W. Roberts was appointed chairman on Constitution and Bylaws.

June 17, 1918 – Seven reported absent....reason, shocking wheat.

August 22, 1921 – R.H. Albright was made first honorary member of Winfield club.

November 4, 1921 – Classification talk illustrated by living models – Barnard (Ladies, Ready-to-Wear)

October 10, 1924 – This was the first 100 percent meeting, made possible by Claude Martin attending in Dallas, Texas.

April 26, 1926 – A number absent, attending Hutchinson Conference. Attendance percent only 86.95, showing that a number took advantage of the opportunity to “play hockey”.

October 3, 1927 – Address by Grace M. Raymond, local artist, on her trip to South America and Africa.

November 26, 1928 – Met in special session jointly with the Chamber of Commerce. This meeting was held to make up the meeting missed November 19th because of the disastrous flood.

February 4, 1929 – This program was a review of the history of the City of Winfield’s 60th anniversary. The tables were lit by coal-oil lamps, and the dinner consisted of mush and milk, corn bread, hominy, baked beans, fresh pork, and apple pie.

June 17, 1931 – President Evan E. Evans reviewed his years administration at length, after which he was presented with a loving cup. Its base was a pie pan; its pedestal, an inverted tin funnel; the cup, a common tin cup, supported by three spoons as braces or handles. Inscribed with red paint as follows: “Donated and designed by Carl McGregor to President Evan E. Evans from the members of the rough neck table: Chase, Barbour, Hill, Bloss, Albright, Collinson, Monypeny, Banks, Greiner, Jarvis and Spoon”.

October 6, 1939 – The program of the day was a talk by Hon. Payne Ratner, Governor of the State of Kansas. He discussed the managerial duties of his office.

October 2, 1940 – Because of the opening of the World Series, there was no program and meeting was adjourned.

February 19, 1941 – President Pierce expressed his appreciation for a large group of businessmen who were at the station to see Winfield's quota of draftees off on the streamliner.

December 18, 1941 – Annual Christmas Party held at the Brettun Hotel with Rotary Anns and "lady friends" as guests. The ladies present were given roses as favors as they entered the dining room. Following the program, gifts of toys which everyone had brought were distributed. Everyone had a great deal of fun showing their gifts. After the party, the toys were left to be presented to the Salvation Army.

January 7, 1942 – Fred Clarke introduced Carl Hubbell as one of the greatest left-handed pitchers in baseball. Mr. Hubbell gave a short talk in which he praised Winfield and its summer baseball program.

October 21, 1942 – Dr. Frank Mossman, former president of Southwestern College, spoke on the subject, "After the War, What?"

May 3, 1943 – The speaker of the day was Rotarian Colonel J.F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of Strother Army Air Field. Colonel Carroll gave an interesting talk on his work as commandant of the army air field.

December 15, 1943 – Thoughts appropriate for the Christmas season were presented by Rev. L.R. Templin, pastor of Grace Methodist Church.

June 7, 1944 – Captain Cecil Coffey presented the program on "The Aleutians, Alaska", from the point of view of a soldier who had been there.

August 14, 1945 – It was announced that there would be church services in Winfield that evening in recognition of V-J Day. Tom Parker announced that the stores would not be open the following day.

December 4, 1957 – This meeting was known as Competitor Relations Day, with Rotarians introducing their competitor guests.

March 8, 1961 – (The Kansas) Centennial committee has asked the Rotary to be in charge of the Winfield reunion dinner May 5th at Island Park, and to have a float in the parade, May 6.

August 1, 1962 – Club met at the Harvey H. Blair Ranch, north of Atlanta. Members and visitors were taken on a tour of places of interest on the 6,000 acre ranch, then had a picnic dinner on the patio of the ranch house.

November 16, 1966 – Dennis Akin, Assistant Professor of Art at Southwestern College, discussed the contemporary sculpture, "Whoopsie Daisy".

CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE WINFIELD ROTARY CLUB

<u>Name</u>	<u>Classification</u>
Barnard, L.C.	Ladies, Ready-to-Wear
Bloomfield, Robert H.	Shoe Retailing
Brady, Joseph J.	Wholesale Groceries
Caton, Harry	Monument Manufacturing
Clarke, Fred	Agriculturalist
Crawford, Loren B.	Chamber of Commerce
Freidenburg, Max W.	Retail Drugs
Gowans, J.W.	Education, Public Schools
Gott, Henry	Sheet Metal Products, Manufacturing
Hepler, Edwin L.	Refined Oil Products
Johnson, Art P.	Gasoline, Trucks
Johnson, Hal	Life Insurance
Kelley, F.A.	Physician, General Practice
Kininmonth, Arthur S.	Savings & Loan (Add.)
Light, M.B.	Investments
Lynn, Charles	Dry Goods, Retailing
McGregor, H.A.	Commercial Banking
McGregor, Floyd	Hardware, Retailing
Martin, Claude A.	Dentistry
Parker, Tom	Tailoring, Men's
Pattison, C.H.	Artificial Ice Mfg.
Roberts, C.W.	Corporation Law Practice
Siverd, Frank	Life Insurance
Snyder, H.L.	Surgeon
Stuber, Ray	Gasoline, Pleasure Cars
Wallace, C.M.	Roller Flour Mills
Wallace, Joshua N.	Oil Lands

DATES OF DISTRICT CONFERENCES HOSTED BY THE WINFIELD ROTARY CLUB

February 25 and 26, 1956
 May 3 and 4, 1985
 April 17-20, 1997
 May 4, 5, and 6, 2000
 November 3, 4 and 5, 2005

WINFIELD ROTARY CLUB EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES FROM 1963 TO THE PRESENT

Dorothy Flottman	1963-1983
Pat Williams	1983-1989
Helen Storbeck	1989-1997
Pam Love	1997-2000
Pam Love and Brenda Peters	2000-2003
Pam Love	2003-2007
Stacy Bradberry	2007-

WINFIELD ROTARY CLUB – PAST AND PRESENT PRESIDENTS

1918-1919	Forrest A. Kelley	1965-1966	Donald M. Kline
1919-1920	Charles M. Wallace	1966-1967	Phil Bradley
1920-1921	James W. Gowans	1967-1968	Don Drennan
1921-1922	Charles F. Lynn	1968-1969	Tom Herlocker
1922-1923	L.C. Barnard	1969-1970	J. Michael Smith
1923-1924	Will French	1970-1971	Robert Dean
1924-1925	Robert B. Durrin	1970-1971	Eugene Miller
1925-1926	William M. McConnell	1971-1972	Roger Lungren
1926-1927	Grover W. Collinson	1972-1973	Donald Branine
1927-1928	D.L. Pontious	1973-1974	Marvin Simonton
1928-1929	George Gary	1974-1975	Manly C. Huber
1929-1930	Roy M. Hilfinger	1975-1976	Don P. Gibson
1930-1931	Evan E. Evans	1976-1977	Alan Steinbach
1931-1932	Henry P. Gott	1977-1978	Lester Hogue
1932-1933	John E. Banks	1978-1979	Tom Wallrabenstein
1933-1934	Rolland E. Greiner	1979-1980	L. Don Richardson
1934-1935	Claude A. Martin	1980-1981	Gary Hanna
1935-1936	Herbert C. Hawke	1981-1982	James Strand
1936-1937	Harry B. Goodman	1982-1983	John Blythe
1937-1938	George A. Kininmonth	1983-1984	David Warren
1938-1939	Hobart L. Barbour	1984-1985	Raymond C. Dempsey
1939-1940	W.W. Monypeny	1985-1986	Robert Gaughn
1940-1941	Richard H. Pierce	1986-1987	Edwin Fisher
1941-1942	W. G. Anderson	1987-1988	Wallace Ingram
1942-1943	R. C. Jackson	1988-1989	Ned Mattingly
1943-1944	Virgil Hall	1989-1990	John Harden
1944-1945	Eugene E. Gentry	1990-1991	Robert J. Bourdette
1945-1946	Carl A. Rott	1991-1992	Nicholas Horner
1946-1947	Lester R. Templin	1992-1993	Judy Chambers
1947-1948	A. Leon Snyder	1993-1994	Merle Snider
1948-1949	L.H. Rockhold	1994-1995	Dean Kennedy
1949-1950	Olin B. Scott	1995-1996	Ron Godsey
1950-1951	Ben Wilson	1996-1997	Steve Dreiling
1951-1952	Laurence F. Jarvis	1997-1998	Dennis Knackstedt
1952-1953	Frederick J. Barnard	1998-1999	Edwin Fisher
1953-1954	H. Coye Hubbs	1999-2000	Dorothy Flottman
1954-1955	V.W. McKnab	2000-2001	Tom Pettey
1955-1956	O. Edgar Wright	2001-2002	Curtis Dick
1956-1957	Keith P. Green	2002-2003	Lois Loucks
1957-1958	L. W. Kesler	2003-2004	Chris Hill (moved)
1958-1959	Ross O. Williams	2003-2004	Laura Buterbaugh
1959-1960	E. D. Pile	2004-2005	Terry Jones
1960-1961	Ray E. Parsons	2005-2006	Kelle Thompson
1961-1962	Orlan L. Mullen	2006-2007	Chris Wilson
1962-1963	D.R. "Bob" Storbeck	2007-2008	Brent Shogren
1963-1964	Warren B. Wooldridge	2008-2009	Robert J. Bourdette
1964-1965	Lyman Burgess	2009-2010	Mike Niederee (President Elect)

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