

Guide to

MS 33

**Phoenix Rotary Club Records  
1914-1995**

Bulk Dates 1914-1971

6 Linear feet, 1 inches

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## HISTORICAL NOTE

Rotary International was started in Chicago in 1905 for business and professional men who wanted to recapture the small-town friendliness sometimes lost in a big city. Phoenix Rotary Club No. 100 was granted its charter on March 1, 1914. The previous June, Wallace C. Button met Mr. L. P. Sullivan from San Antonio, Texas, while on his way home from a stationery convention. Sullivan was very enthusiastic about the Rotary club he had joined (No. 52) and gave Button an address of his club's founder, Herbert J. Hayes. After receiving information, Button passed it around to several of his friends. The first organizational meeting was called in August but the first business meeting was not held until Dec. 15, 1913. Twenty-five men met that night but no decision about the formation of the club was made. Some feared it would cause undue competition with the newly formed Chamber of Commerce.

On January 5, 1914, fifty men met and approved the constitution and by-laws for the club along with several amendments. Amos Betts was elected to be the first president of the club. Other officers were elected for the remainder of the fiscal year and the application process to Rotary International was begun. Thirty men paid the \$10 and became charter members of the group. According to Charles Munger, the chronologist and statistician for Club #100, two factors held up the club's application. First, they wanted the designation of Club No. 100 and had to wait for other clubs to be accepted. Second, the international association had ruled previously that no Rotary club would be established in cities with populations less than 25,000. The members of the club argued that as the state capital as well as the financial and social center of the state, Phoenix could fill all of the classifications represented in cities of 100,000. The charter was granted on March 1, 1914, and the members received word on March 30, 1914. Club 100 became the first Rotary Club in Arizona and from it all other Arizona clubs received their start.

On September 26, 1914, the Arizona Gazette ran a ten page special edition to introduce Rotary and its then 70 members to the community. This edition is displayed in plastic and is part of the Phoenix Rotary Club Records. The *Rotary Smile* began publishing in September 1914. In 1918 the newsletter was renamed the *Rotarizonian* and has been published with only two brief stops since that time. The first club roster was issued in July 1915, and the first ladies' night was held March 12, 1914.

Over the years the Phoenix Rotary Club has also been involved in the Roosevelt Council Boy Scouts, the Arizona Boy's Ranch, the Phoenix Rotary Mutt Show, high school student clubs and many other civic and charitable projects. By 1994, Rotary Club 100 had reached about 300 members and yet today remains an active participant in the life of Phoenix.

(Compiled from information taken from Charles Munger's "Legend of How Rotary 100 Began," and articles by Munger in the *Rotarizonian*.)

**SERIES DESCRIPTION**

The Phoenix Rotary Club Records are arranged in 6 series:

Series 1. Board Minutes, 1916-1971. 1 foot 8 inches. 32 folders.

This series consists of chronologically arranged, bound board minutes from the Phoenix Rotary Club Executive Board. It also contains the Service Report of 1943-1944.

Series 2. Member Files, 1915-1995. 1 foot 8 inches. 54 folders.

This series consists of alphabetically arranged past presidents' files and member files.

Series 3. Club Rosters, 1918-1981. 12 inches. 13 folders.

This series consists of chronologically-arranged club rosters featuring photos and biographical information about each member.

Series 4. Photographs 1920-1983. 14 1/2 inches. 45 folders.

The photographs in this collection are arranged in the same order as the series. Most are from member files and scrapbooks. Others were from a general photo folder including oversized photos.

Series 5. Scrapbooks, 1964-1968. 3 1/2 inches. 5 folders.

This series consists of the materials from three Rotary scrapbooks. One was a general club scrapbook from 1967. Another celebrated the 50th birthday of the Phoenix Rotary Club #100, and the third contains the newspaper from the start of the Phoenix chapter in 1914. They have all been digitized in context and photos have been filed separately. Oversized items are also stored separately.

Series 6. Realia, 1 inches.

This series is made up of one artifact, a Phoenix Rotary Club #100 banner.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records document the Phoenix Rotary Club

### Series 1. Board Minutes, 1916-1971.

These minutes are from the weekly executive board meetings. They contain the voting record of the board of executives and gives reports on the different activities of the committees. Minutes from lunch meetings were included in the earlier minutes. This series also contains the Service Report of 1943-1944.

### Series 2. Member Files, 1915-1995.

This series divides into two subseries: past presidents files and general member files. The folders contain such things as member information cards, correspondence, biographies, death announcements, attendance and financial records, thank-yous, speeches, committee memos, and other inter- and intra-club communications

### Series 3. Club Rosters, 1918-1982.

This series consists of club rosters featuring photos and information about each member such as classification of membership, date of membership, birthday, wife's name, and address.

### Series 4. Photographs 1920-1983.

The photographs in this collection are arranged in the same order as the series in general. Most are from member files and scrapbooks. Some were from a general photo folder and others were and still are stored together as over-sized photos at the end of the member folders' photos. A majority of the photos are portraits of members. Some events such as the Phoenix Rotary Mutt Show, the 50th anniversary celebration, and Game Night in 1967 are well represented in the collection.

### Series 5. Scrapbooks, 1964-1968.

This series consists of the materials from three Rotary scrapbooks. One was a general scrapbook featuring photos from Christmas, the Phoenix Rotary Mutt Show, and Game Night all in 1967. Another scrapbook celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Phoenix Rotary Club #100 and includes photos from the Golden Anniversary banquet, candids from the year, member photos for 1963-64, and memorabilia from the anniversary year. The third scrapbook contains the 1914 Arizona Gazette honoring the new Phoenix chapter.

The scrapbooks have all been digitized in context and photos have been filed separately. Black and white copies of the digitized images are in the scrapbook folders. Color images are available on the computer. The photos from the membership pages in the anniversary scrapbook have been labeled with name and location number on the back. Numbers start with the first page of membership pages and photos are numbered by row and column, from top to bottom, left to right. The graphics from these pages have been cut out and saved in the scrapbook folders. The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative issue of *The Arizona Republic Days and Ways* magazine has been stored in a box for oversized documents.

Series 6. Realia.

Phoenix Rotary Club #100 banner. This is a white banner with yellow and blue printing. The banner features a saguaro and a sunrise over the mountains in the middle of the banner. It reads, "Phoenix Rotary Club No. 100, Phoenix, Arizona, U.S.A., 'In the Valley of the Sun.'" 7x10. It has yellow fringe on the bottom.

**PROVENANCE**

The collection was donated by the Phoenix Rotary Club #100 in 1998.

**RESTRICTIONS**

This collection has no restrictions.

**LITERARY RIGHTS STATEMENT**

Permission to publish material from the Phoenix Rotary Club Records, 1914-1995, must be obtained from the Library and Archives Department at the Central Arizona Division of the Arizona Historical Society.

**NOTES TO RESEARCHERS**

Newspaper clippings were photocopied onto acid-neutral paper in order to preserve the other items in the collection. Due to the fragility of the scrapbooks, each page was photographed with a digital camera and the page context was recorded before elements were separated into photograph and memorabilia folders. Information found in member and photograph files were in no apparent order when they came in and remain in that same order yet. The member files were placed in alphabetical order to help facilitate research.

For related Rotary material see also the collections of Charles A. Stauffer and Shadwell S. H. Bowyer

**CONTAINER LIST****SERIES 1: MINUTES AND REPORTS, 1916-1971.**

<b>Board Minutes</b>			
Box	:	Folder	
1	:	1	1916-1917
1	:	2	1918-1919
1	:	3	1920
1	:	4	1921-1922
1	:	5	1922-1923
1	:	6	1923-1924
1	:	7	1924-1925
1	:	8	1927-1928
1	:	9	1928-1929
2	:	10	1929-1930
2	:	11	1930-1931
2	:	12	1931-1932
2	:	13	1932-1933
2	:	14	1933-1934
2	:	15	1934-1935
2	:	16	1935-1936
2	:	17	1936-1937
2	:	18	1937-1938
2	:	19	1938-1939
2	:	20	1939-1940
2	:	21	1940-1941
2	:	22	1941-1942
3	:	23	1942-1945
3	:	24	1945-1950
3	:	25	1952-1955
3	:	26	1955-1959
3	:	27	1959-1962
3	:	28	1962-1965
4	:	29	1965-1967
4	:	30	1967-1969
4	:	31	1969-1971

<b>Service Report</b>			
Box	:	Folder	
4	:	32	1943-1944

**SERIES 2: MEMBER FILES**



**Past Presidents**

Box	:	Folder
5	:	33 Leslie M. Alexander, 1963-1964
5	:	34 Amos A. Betts, 1914-1915 (Charter Member)
5	:	35 Clarence N. Boynton, 1921-19226
5	:	36 Dr. William A. Boynton, 1968-1969
5	:	37 I.W. Brayer, 1970-1971
5	:	38 John B. Brown, 1920-1921
5	:	39 Eugene Burrus, 1942-1943
5	:	40 Wallace C. Button, 1919-1920 (Charter Member)
5	:	41 Rhes H. Cornelius, 1958-1959
5	:	42 Douglas H. Driggs, 1953-1954
5	:	43 F.T. Fahlen, 1959-19602
5	:	44 Eugene T. Garrett, 1939-1940
5	:	45 C.E. Gollwitzer, 1941-1942
5	:	46 Thomas A. Goodnight, 1965-1966 (1 of 2)
5	:	47 Thomas A. Goodnight, 1965-1966 (2 of 2)
5	:	48 Horace B. Griffen, 1926-1927
5	:	49 Dr. Matt O. Hanhilla, 1966-1967 (1 of 2)
5	:	50 Dr. Matt O. Hanhilla, 1966-1967 (1 of 2)
5	:	51 William C. Hornberger, 1925-1926 (Charter Member)
6	:	52 William J. Horspool, 1938-19391
6	:	53 Joe Howe, 1994-1995 (1 of 2)
6	:	54 Joe Howe, 1994-1995 (2 of 2)
6	:	55 Fred H. Knowles, 1954-1955
6	:	56 Cdr. W.V. Ketcham, 1952-1953
6	:	57 William F. Leiber, 1971-1972
6	:	58 Frank P. Middleton, 1961-1962
6	:	59 Alden W. "Dusty" Miller, 1951-1952 (1 of 2)
6	:	60 Alden W. "Dusty" Miller, 1951-1952 (2 of 2)
6	:	61 George F. Miller, 1949-1950 (1 of 2)
6	:	62 George F. Miller, 1949-1950 (2 of 2)
7	:	63 Wallace R. Montague, 1944-1945
7	:	64 Harry Montgomery, 1967-1968
7	:	65 Frank W. Moss, 1975-1976
7	:	66 Charles P. Munger, 1932-1933 (Charter Member)
7	:	67 Eugene R. Parker, 1969-1970
7	:	68 Howard Pyle, 1948-1949 (1 of 2)
7	:	69 Howard Pyle, 1948-1949 (2 of 2)
7	:	70 Parlp Radcliffe, 1957-1958
7	:	71 Victor S. Randolph, 1940-1941
7	:	72 Dr. James N. Roney, 1950-1951 (1 of 2)
7	:	73 Dr. James N. Roney, 1950-1951 (2 of 2)
8	:	74 O. Glenn Stapely, 1936-1937
Box	:	Folder

8 : 75 Ray C. Smucker, 1964-1965  
 8 : 76 Charles A. Stauffer, 1927-1928  
 8 : 77 George H. Todd, 1922-1923  
 8 : 78 Lawson V. Smith, 1955-1956  
 8 : 79 Dr. Alton B. Stoner, 1947-1948  
 8 : 80 James C. Wood, 1956-1957

#### Member Files

8 : 81 Hon. Carl Hayden  
 8 : 82 Harvey Mc Vary (Charter Member)  
 8 : 83 Thomas Spaulding  
 8 : 84 J.W. Spears  
 8 : 85 Roscoe G. Willson  
 8 : 86 Archie L. Waters

#### SERIES 3 ROSTERS

9 : 87 1918  
 9 : 88 1920  
 9 : 89 1921  
 9 : 90 1924  
 9 : 91 1949-1950  
 9 : 92 1951-1952  
 9 : 93 1952-1953  
 9 : 94 1953-1954  
 9 : 95 1954-1955  
 9 : 96 1955-1956  
 9 : 97 1978-1979  
 9 : 98 1980-1981  
 9 : 99 1981-1982

#### SERIES 4 PHOTOGRAPHS

10 : 100 1998.127.01-1998.127.09  
 10 : 101 1998.127.10-1998.127.19  
 10 : 102 1998.127.20-1998.127.29  
 10 : 103 1998.127.30-1998.127.39  
 10 : 104 1998.127.40-1998.127.49  
 10 : 105 1998.127.50-1998.127.59  
 10 : 106 1998.127.60-1998.127.69  
 10 : 107 1998.127.70-1998.127.79  
 10 : 108 1998.127.80-1998.127.89  
 10 : 109 1998.127.90-1998.127.99  
 Box : Folder

10	:	110	1998.127.100-1998.127.109
10	:	111	1998.127.110-1998.127.119
10	:	112	1998.127.120-1998.127.129
10	:	113	1998.127.130-1998.127.139
10	:	114	1998.127.140-1998.127.149
11	:	115	1998.127.150-1998.127.159
11	:	116	1998.127.160-1998.127.169
11	:	117	1998.127.170-1998.127.179
11	:	118	1998.127.180-1998.127.189
11	:	119	1998.127.190-1998.127.199
11	:	120	1998.127.200-1998.127.209
11	:	121	1998.127.210-1998.127.219
11	:	122	1998.127.220-1998.127.229
11	:	123	1998.127.230-1998.127.239
11	:	124	1998.127.240-1998.127.249
11	:	125	1998.127.250-1998.127.259
11	:	126	1998.127.260-1998.127.269
11	:	127	1998.127.270-1998.127.279
11	:	128	1998.127.280-1998.127.289
11	:	129	1998.127.290-1998.127.299
11	:	130	1998.127.300-1998.127.309
11	:	131	1998.127.310-1998.127.319
11	:	132	1998.127.320-1998.127.329
12	:	133	1998.127.330-1998.127.339
12	:	134	1998.127.340-1998.127.349
12	:	135	1998.127.350-1998.127.359
12	:	136	1998.127.360-1998.127.369
12	:	137	1998.127.370-1998.127.379
12	:	138	1998.127.380-1998.127.389
12	:	139	1998.127.390-1998.127.399
12	:	140	1998.127.400-1998.127.409
12	:	141	1998.127.410-1998.127.419
12	:	142	1998.127.420-1998.127.429
12	:	143	1998.127.430-1998.127.439
12	:	144	1998.127.440-1998.127.447
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12	:	146	SB2PG1-SB2PG6
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12	:	148	SB2PG18-SB2PG24
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Club Banner