

LINCOLN ROTARY CLUB

Historical Snapshots

1925 – 1985-86

May 1925: Exploratory meeting:

Five members of Auburn Rotary Club approached five business men in Lincoln:

Walter K. Jansen (1st Pres.)

Fred Clark (2nd Pres.)

Major M. J. Dillman

Dr. F. E. McCullough

Charles Gladding

- Requirements for a Rotary club: 15-25 Classifications.
- First organization meeting: **Oct. 16, 1925 @ Women's Club house.**

January 5, 1926: Lincoln Rotary received their charter from R.I.

- Charter banquet was held in Civic Auditorium in Lincoln.

1927-28: President Fred Clark; classification: "Plumb Grower."

→ At the R.I. convention in Minn, MN. Fred was recognized as the only "Plum Grower" Rotarian in the world.

- Lincoln Rotary was voted the "Best Singing Club" of N. CA. and won the cup at the Chico Rotary Club's birthday party.
- From then on for several years, Lincoln Rotary became known as the "Singing Club."

1933-36: Depression years: Things got really tough and the membership seriously considered surrendering the charter.

- First vote = surrender; Second vote = continue club operations.

1937-39: President Ed Grey: First president to serve two terms.

Pictures:

1942-43: President John Gilcrest: Boy Scout Hall under construction.

1944-45: President Albert S. Gulliford Boy Scout Hall Completed.

Al was the originator of a project to raise funds which was called "Little Night in Reno."

- They had Roulette, Bingo, electrically operated "One Arm Bandits," and Black Jack. They raised \$81.00.
 - When word got around, Al was in the "dog house" with "the good church brethren." When he explained the money was "for crippled children, all was forgiven."
 - "Little Night in Reno" developed into "Gold Rush Gaities."
- Installed Plaque for Boy Scout Hall.

1954-55: President Francis Grey: 77 trees planted in Mc B. Park.

1955-56: President John Perry: Side walks installed around bleachers in Mc B. Park; also planted more trees in the park.

1962-63: President Jack Griggs: Rest Rooms built in Mc B. Park.

1963-64: President Primo Santini: Concrete slab and frame installed for the BBQ pit at Mc B. Park.

1964-65: President Dr. J. "Bud" Ragsdale: Started Concession booth at the Little League field.

1965-66: President Dr. Nathan Dubin: Concession booth completed.

1966-67: President Robert Jiminez: Built fence around the foot ball field.

1967-68: President Larry Alcorn: Built gates for the BB field.

1968-69: President Orrin Hofman: Built patio at Lincoln Library.

1969-70: President Bill Williams: Installed hood for BBQ grill, Mc B. Park.

1970-71: President Eli Demas: Installed a ventilation system over BBQ grill.
Also installed benches between Lincoln Library and the Scout Hall.

1974-75: President Eugene Watts: Started construction on Rest Rooms for the BBQ area, Mc B. Park.

1975-76: President Nicolas Nicholau: Constructed the cover over concrete area east of the BBQ house, Mc B. Park.

1976-78: Presidents Evan Berg & Gary Butler: Continued work on the Rest Room project.
Also, provided money to start the Senior Citizen Center (5th & E.).

1980-81: President Len Valesek: Built and installed a sound system for the whole east side of Mc B. park including inside the pavilion.

1985-86: President Carl Malotte: Renovated the entrance to the Veteran's Hall; built a handicap access; resurfaced the Veteran's monument, and installed a new flag pole. The Rotary Wheel is installed in the tile work behind the monument.

1991-92: President John Hirtz: Installed the bench in Beerman Plaza area.

THE ROTARY SPIRIT

Red roses for the living, and handclasps warm and true,
A heart that's tuned to giving, and strength to dare and do;
The sound of honest laughter, the joy of honest toil;
For those that follow after, to leave a finer soil.

All this has been and ever will be the Rotary plan,
A man's sincere endeavor to serve his fellow man.
A little less of seeking, a little more for men,
Less bitter in our speaking, more kindly with the pen;
A little less of swerving from paths of truth and right,
A little more of serving and less of dollar might.

More peaceful with our neighbors, and stauncher to our friends.
For this all Rotary labors, on this its hope depends.

To smooth the way for others, to make of life the most;
To make the phrase "our brother" mean more than idle boast;
To praise sincere endeavor, when praise will spur it on,
Withholding kind words never until the friend is gone;

This is the Rotary spirit, this is the Rotary dream,
God grant that we may near it, before we cross the stream.

--Edgar A. Guest.