

1945-1946

Aubrey C. Spark - Twentieth President  
Robert J. Emerson - Secretary

O. Lynn Freel was elected to serve as president in 1945, but never held office as he moved from Lincoln before July first.

Aubrey C. Spark had been elected to serve as secretary but was immediately advanced to the presidency.

One especially outstanding event occurred in "Spark's" year. That was the bond election for a new elementary school and a new high school. The Rotarians, under "Sparky's" leadership, helped with the campaign and the bonds were successfully passed on May 29, 1946.

"Sparky" claims that he does not like to work, hence, he conceived the idea of having a permanent program chairman and Bill Menchinella got the call.

1946-1947

William Menchinella - Twenty-First President  
George J. Middleton - Secretary

Bill Menchinella along with Harold Creer and George Middleton attended the Rotary International Convention in San Francisco. Bill and George attended the District Conference in Berkeley.

Bill remembers, as do we all, that it was during his year that the custom of fining absentees one dollar was started. This was done for a certain number of meals.

Bill says that Liz's (his wife) diary indicates that the Coon Hollow Celebration started at Mt. Pleasant Hall March 26, 1949. Coon Hollow Celebration is now more genteelly called the "Gold Rush Gaities."

1947-1948

George Middleton - Twenty-second President  
Harold Creer - Secretary

It is always a great honor to be able to attend a Rotary International Convention. George Middleton along with Bill Menchinella and Harold Creer had the privilege of attending said Convention held in San Francisco.

October 31, 1947 was the date of the first Annual Halloween Party for the teen-agers. Quote by George:  
"As I recall Francis Grey was the originator and sponsor of this new Activity."

George also states that Ray Miner with a committee of "Old Timers" showed the youngsters in Rotary how to put on a real stag dinner.

Another high light of George's year was the Men's Fashion Show. It netted about five hundred dollars.

George is still using the Golf Clubs given him with a great degree of pleasure.

1948-1949

Harold Creer - Twenty-third President  
J. B. Elliott - Secretary

It will always be remembered that the "Gold Rush Gaities" an outgrowth of "Little Night in Reno" was held for the first time at the Mt. Pleasant Hall during Harold's year.

Harold originated the idea of having the Business and Professional Women and the Rotary Club give a joint dinner, for the benefit of the March of Dimes.

That year the Rotary Club purchased the first hospital bed for the use of the citizens of Lincoln. There are now five such beds available.

The teen-agers will recall that a recreation program was sponsored by the Rotarians in the Civic Auditorium that winter.

Raymond Clinger offered to pay one dollar for each Rotarian who would attend Church on a given Sunday. Next Rotary meeting after said Sunday Harold collected a sizable sum for the Charity box. Raymond remembers it was ten dollars.

The outstanding program of Harold's year was the address given by Angus S. Mitchell, president of Rotary International.

1949-1950

J. B. "Barb" Elliot - Twenty-fourth President  
Jarol H. Jansen - Secretary

All of the usual Rotary activities flourished under Barb's guiding hand.

A Rotary bulletin was started on September 16, 1949. The stories and articles appearing in this journal brought in many dimes in fines.

Assuming the sponsorship of the Blood Bank was the crowning achievement of Barb's year.

(In 1947, Rotarian Joe Wilson originated the idea of having a Blood Bank in Lincoln. He, at first, did all the work, keeping records, transporting donors to Sacramento etc. He later took 42 prospective donors, but only 17 were accepted.)

However, in 1950 the Mobile Unit came to Lincoln to collect blood. The Blood Bank is of inestimable service to our community.

1950-1951

Jarol H. Jansen - Twenty-fifth President  
Edward A. Grey Jr. - Secretary

Jerry Jansen had a very colorful year for two reasons. First, it was the Silver Anniversary of the Lincoln Rotary Club. But the most important even of his year was the election of his father Walter K. to the distinguished office of District Governor.

The Silver Anniversary of our Club was celebrated with a dinner-dance at Danisio's on Highway Forty. It was a wonderful party.

During Jerry's year, the Rotarians painted the Boy Scout Club House, landscaped the grounds, installed a sprinkler system and built a barbecue. A pot-luck luncheon was served at one of these work days by the Rotarian's wives.

Jerry and George Middleton were co-chairmen of the first "Gold Rush Gaities" held at Mt. Pleasant Hall during Harold Creer's regime.



1951-1952

Edward A. Grey Jr. - Twenty-sixth President  
A. J. Omar Creer - Secretary

It was during Edward's year that the Club decided to elect a vice-president and have a permanent secretary.

At the District Conference at Lake Tahoe, the previous year, Edward gave a most instructive talk on "What a Secretary Should Know."

The usual Rotary activities flourished during his year.

The Rotarians again supported the school bond election and on May 29, 1952, the students were assured that they were to have a much needed new gymnasium.

The outstanding speaker to visit our Club that year was the International Director of Rotary, Gem Marden from Hong King, China.

1952-1953

John Pershing Wyatt - Twenty-seventh President  
A. J. Omar Creer - Secretary

Pershing Wyatt had a busy year carrying on the usual activities of the Club but the outstanding event was the dinner given on May 2, 1953, in honor of Karl O. Bayless and Richard A. Lee, retiring principals of the local schools. It was the largest affair of its kind ever attempted in Lincoln and was attended by over 700 students, former students and friends.

Pershing's father, J. E. Wyatt, was a charter member of our Club, and the first Sergeant-At-Arms.

1953-1954

Carlin Coppin - Twenty-eighth President  
A. J. Omar Creer - Secretary

During Carlin's year, the Club sponsored the usual activities such as: Boy Scouts, Blood Bank, March of Dimes, Soft Ball, Halloween Party etc. Also on August 26, a group of more than 100 baseball fans journeyed to Sacramento to see the Solons play. Solons won.

An attendance contest between the Roseville Club and Lincoln was held with the losers paying for a dinner. It is needless to remark that Lincoln did not have to pay.

Three Stag Dinners, still remembered for their conviviality, were held, a Steak Dinner at Walter Jansen's, a Buck Stew at I. O. O. F. Hall, and a Duck Dinner at the Parish Hall (ducks furnished by Nathan Dubin).

