

Rotary celebrates centennial

Goodland club serves community for 80 years

Members of the Goodland Rotary club gathered on Feb. 23, for the club's 80th anniversary and Rotary International's 100th.

About 50 attended the special evening with guests from Colby and Sharon Springs. The Sharon Spring Rotary club was celebrating 60 years, and was sponsored by the Goodland club in April 1945.

The Goodland club was chartered on Feb. 23, 1925 and is number 2,025.

Goodland's oldest member, Larry Morgan, reflected on the history he had seen since coming to Sherman County in 1933. He has been a Rotary member for 72 years, and was club president in 1938. One of the things he helped was the Goodland Rotary's sponsorship of 4-H.

Wayne Aten, past district governor from 1989-1990, talked about the enjoyment he has found in Rotary throughout his years of service. He said he has enjoyed the Rotary youth exchange. He had six youth stay with him since it was started. Aten was one of three district governors who have been elected from the Goodland club.

Nancy LePell, assistant district governor from Colby, spoke about the efforts of Rotary, and the Paul Harris Fellowship program.

Art Mai, past district governor, spoke about the international pro-



Larry Morgan



Wayne Aten

grams that Rotary is involved in including PolioPlus, which is the effort to eradicate polio worldwide.

Officers of the Goodland Rotary Club are Linda Koons, president, Ron Lucas, president-elect, Marcia Smith, secretary, Doug Sederstrom and Darin Neufeld, co-treasurers and Aten, Ken Clouse, Jeff Deeds, Larry Keirns, Sid Unruh and Pete Whalen who serve at directors.

Marshall Stanton of Salina is the district governor, and the Rotary International President is Glenn E. Estess, Sr. of Alabama.

The Goodland Rotary club meets at noon on Fridays in the Student Union of the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

The Goodland High School Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Tremon Kizer, and the X-Pressos under the direction of Randy Berls presented entertainment for the evening.

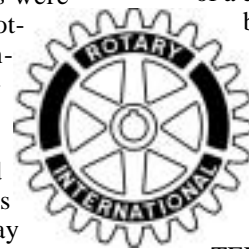
Youth from the First Baptist Church helped with the dinner.



Goodland Rotary Club's centennial project was to erect a light in front of the giant Van Gogh sunflower painting to make it visible at night. The lighted painting is visible from I-70.

The Rotary Four-Way Test

From the earliest days of the organization, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The Four-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor (who later served as RI president)



when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy.

"Of 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?



Rotary began in Chicago

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, was formed on Feb. 23, 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to recapture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth.

The name "Rotary" derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Rotary's popularity spread throughout the United States in the decade that followed; clubs were chartered from San Francisco to New York.

By 1921, Rotary clubs had been formed on six continents, and the organization adopted the name Rotary International a year later.

As Rotary grew, its mission expanded beyond serving the professional and social interests of club members. Rotarians began pooling their resources and contributing their talents to help serve communities in need. The organization's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its principal motto: Service Above Self. Rotary embraced a code of ethics, called The 4-Way Test.

During and after World War II, Rotarians became increasingly involved in promoting international understanding. In 1945, 49 Rotary members served in 29 delegations to the United Nations Charter Conference. Rotary actively participates in UN conferences.

An endowment fund, set up by Rotarians in 1917 "for doing good in the world," became a not-for-profit corporation known as The Rotary Foundation in 1928. Upon the death of Paul Harris in 1947, an

outpouring of Rotarian donations made in his honor, totaling \$2 million, launched the Foundation's first program — graduate fellowships, now called Ambassadorial Scholarships. Today, contributions to The Rotary Foundation total more than \$80 million annually and support a wide range of humanitarian grants and educational programs that enable Rotarians to bring hope and promote international understanding throughout the world.

In 1985, Rotary made a commitment to immunize all of the world's children against polio. Working in partnership with non-governmental organizations and national governments through its PolioPlus program, Rotary is the largest private-sector contributor to the global polio eradication campaign. By the 2005 target date for certification of a polio-free world, Rotary will have contributed half a billion dollars to the cause.

As it approached the dawn of the 21st century, Rotary worked to meet the changing needs of society, expanding its service effort to address such issues as environmental degradation, illiteracy, world hunger, and children at risk. The organization admitted women for the first time (worldwide) in 1989 and claims more than 145,000 women in its ranks today. Following the collapse of the Berlin Wall and the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Rotary clubs were formed or reestablished throughout Central and Eastern Europe. Today, 1.2 million Rotarians belong to some 31,000 Rotary clubs in 166 countries.



Paul Harris

Goodland Rotary membership roster

Scott Angelos, Wayne Aten, Tom Betz, Meripat Bowman, Lowell Chatfield, Ken Clouse, Bryce Cole, Gordon Colip, Jeff Deeds, Mike Foust, Lance Fulton, John Garcia, John Golden, Fred Hall, Mike Hunter, Dolly Irvin, Jay Jolly, Clark Jordan, Larry Keirns, Linda Koons, Clyde Lambertz, Dick Liess, Brent Linin, Trevor Linton, Ron Lucas, Brenda McCants, Lawrence McCants, Marty Melia, Larry Morgan, Jim Neal, Darin Neufeld, Donna Price, Rick Reeser, Royal Reid, Terry Richardson, Chester Ross, Doug Sederstrom, Gary Shields, Jeanie Shields, Marvin Selby, Marcia Smith, Sid Unruh, Steve West, Pete Whalen, and Tom White.

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