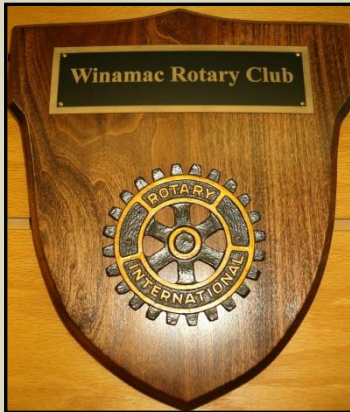


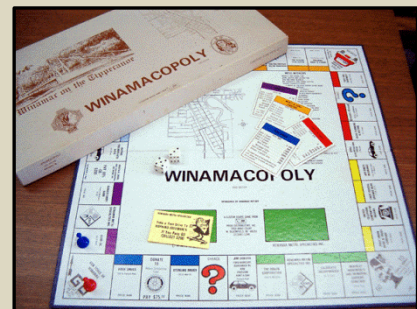
Rotary Club Lives on Through Scholarship



The Winamac Rotary Club made the difficult decision to close its chapter in 2007. While the organization served Winamac for over 35 years, the club's name lives on through the **Winamac Rotary Club Scholarship**, administered by the Pulaski County Community Foundation.

The Winamac Rotary Club was established in 1972 and raised support for local efforts as well as national and international Rotary programs. In order to support these causes, the club came up with some original fundraising ideas. One of its earliest fundraising efforts was to auction off a vehicle, which generated enough money to begin its scholarship, still awarded today to a Winamac High School senior who exhibits a strong commitment to community service.

In 1985 the club took a chance on a new fundraiser – the sale of Winamacopoly games – featuring spaces purchased by local businesses. At \$12 a piece, the game was a hit in the community and a very successful fundraiser. One of the most popular fundraisers used by organizations in Winamac today, Port-a-Pit chicken sales at the NAPA parking lot, originated with Rotary and proved to be its most reliable money-generator year after year.



The creative fundraisers allowed the club to live up to the Rotary mission of promoting service, ethics and goodwill in the community. “When we raised money from the community, every cent went back to the community in some manner,” stated member Allen Finke, who served as Rotary Secretary for 26 years.

The organization supported numerous local causes, from the local hospice to the walking trail at the Winamac Town Park. An annual essay contest was held each year with Soil and Water Conservation Services on the topic of soil conservation. The club also supported the SuperMileage Team at Winamac High School.

Members were able to serve their community through Rotary, but the club also offered each of them moments they'll always remember, from annual picnics to bus trips across the Midwest to hosting international guests as part of an exchange program. While the club itself is no longer in existence, there is hope that a new club could develop in the future. The Rotary Club scholarship allows for participation from potential future members.

Despite the loss of such a community-minded organization, the Community Foundation will perpetuate the legacy of the club and keep its giving spirit alive. Through the **Winamac Rotary Club Scholarship** they will continue giving back to the community and supporting deserving local youth.

2007 Winamac Rotary Club Members

Ralph Braun
Richard Conn
Allen Finke, Secretary
Darl Good
Alan Hizer
Bill Kiste, Treasurer
Sam Marks, Vice President
Charles McKinley
Dan McKinley, President
Dan Murphy
Bill Webb Sr.
Jim Wentz



Winamac Rotarians Sam Marks, Bill Kiste, Dan McKinley, and Allen Finke transfer the Rotary plaque to the Community Foundation in a symbolic gesture.