

Carrollton Ruritan Club

The Carrollton Ruritan Club was officially chartered as Club 941 on January 29, 1959. The club was sponsored by the Augusta Ruritan Club. Daniel Mangun and Charles Walters of the Augusta organization explained the objectives and ideals of Ruritan. Howard Showalter, county extension agent, served as acting chairman and G. Wayne Hothem, 4H agent, served as acting secretary during the organization of the club.

The Carrollton Ruritan Club had its first official meeting February 9, 1959 at a dinner meeting in the First Methodist Church basement and the Charter #941 was presented by Floyd Lower of Lisbon, Ohio district president. Future meetings were to be held at the church on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 pm.

The charter members (29) were as follows:

Professional

Harold Windram
Mac Guess
Howard Showalter
Don Lebold
Ron Millar
Paul Rinkes
Donald Walters
Henry Sedlacek
Robert Johnson

Business

Raymond Roof
Keith Lodge
Edward Cavitt
T. L. Guess
Willis Walker
Bill Craig
Richard Hornberger

Farmer

Dale Williamson
Robert Newell
Ed Long
Paul Bixler
Richard Rutledge
Lester Crabbe
Harvey Lash
Chester Rogers
John Eisenhut
Roy Booth
G. Wayne Hothem
Kenneth Widder
Arthur Rummell

The executive officers elected at the first meeting were:

President	Harold Windram	2 nd St SW Ext, Carrollton
Vice President	Don Lebold	Rt 1, Carrollton
Secretary	Mac Guess	Box 4, Carrollton
Treasurer,	Dale Williamson	Rt. #1, Carrollton
Director 1 Yr	Robert Newell	Rt. #5, Carrollton
Director 2 Yr	Ed Long	Rt. 4, Carrollton
Director 3 Yr	Howard Showalter	278 4 th St NE, Carrollton

Fred Puttkamer of Greenford, lieutenant governor of Ohio Zone 1, installed our officers.

Original Committees were:

Program & Entertainment

Fellowship

Welfare, Health, recreation & Home
Agriculture and Conservation
Public Highways, Rural Utilities & Safety
Rural Church

Finance
Education & Youth
Industry
Membership

Membership is acquired by invitation only.

The Carrollton Ruritan Club hosted the Ohio District Ruritan Convention November 6, 1965 at the high school. Business sessions were from 1:00-6:00 pm: banquet at 7:00 pm. Donald Kelch, local veterinarian, was our president.

Membership through the years:

1959 30
1963 32
2010 14

Other Ruritan Clubs in the Area:

1959	2009
Augusta	Dining Fork
Green Valley	Green Valley
Salinesville	Great Divide
Hanover Twp.	Dellroy
West Twp.	Tuscarwas Valley
Southern	Southern
Rogers	
Lisbon	Lisbon

Officers through the years:

1959	President Harold Windram	1959	Vice President Don Lebold
	Don McBride John Rutledge Ralph Lucas		
1959	Secretary Mac Guess	1959	Treasurer Dale Williamson
	Ken Scott		John H Davis