

Morris Rotary - History Notebook



Presidents who ring the bell must look for the engraved past presidents name and then strike the bell below the names.



The Original Bell Was Called A Gong.

During Charles L. Harrah's 1039-039 Presidency, the club purchased a gong and gavel.

It is noted in the history that the original gong and gavel was destroyed in the 1971 fire at the Morris Country Club. The bell was replaced by Edward Sanford as a memorial to his father who was a charter member of the Morris Rotary Club. Much credit is due Ed for the research he did to obtain the dates of service and names of all the presidents from 1915 to 1977. The engraving is kept up to date with each passing year. Look closely to see the names and strike below the engravings.

Lou Borger, president 1960-1961, presented the original set of flags to the club. That set was lost in the fire at the Morris Country Club. According to the men who wrote the original history, the flags were not yet replaced in their 1980 writing. Ken Seidler reports that Dr. F. Wayne Graham replaced the flag set presently displayed.