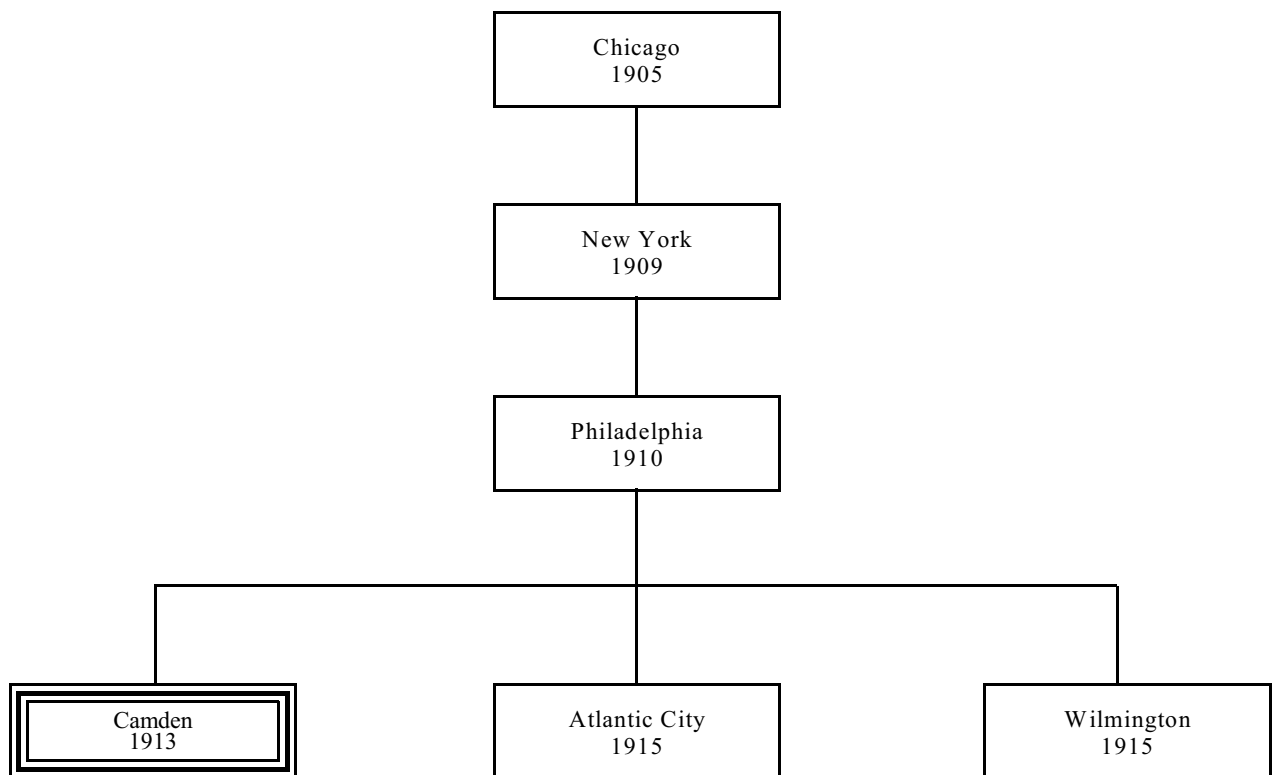


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## Rotary Club of Camden, N.J.



# 75th Anniversary History of District 764

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Organized	December 3, 1912	Meets :	Tuesdays at 12:15 pm at
Chartered	April 1, 1913 Charter No. - 59		Rutger's University Student
Sponsored By	Philadelphia, PA		Center 4th and Cooper Sts.
Clubs Sponsored	Woodbury, Mt. Holly,		Camden, NJ 08102
	Palmyra-Riverton-Cinnaminson		(609) 757-1766
	Haddonfield, Collingswood,		
	Gloucester City, Berlin		

## Presidents

1913-14	Ralph D. Baker	1952-52	Frank M. Travaline, Jr.
1915	Joshua C. Haines	1953-54	William H. McCormick
1916	H. Lewis Goerlich	1954-55	Vincent Dep. Goubeau
1917	William P. Strandwitz	1955-56	Phillip H. Rapp
1918	Volney Bennett	1956-57	William J. Colvin
1919	Edmund E. Reed	1957-58	J. Joseph Leonard
1920-21	Theodore Kausel	1958-59	A. Weir Stedman
1921-22	LeRoy A. Goodwin	1959-60	Henry H. McBratney
1922-23	W.E. Shreeve	1960-61	Oren R. Thomas, Jr., PDG
1923-24	Henry B. Coles	1961-62	Raymond B. Heston
1924-25	Edward A. Mechling	1962-63	Joseph A. Vettel, Sr.
1925-26	A.W. Stedman	1963-64	Richard M. Creamer
1926-27	Leonardo J. List	1964-65	Nicholas B. Fagan
1927-28	Arthur E. Armitage	1965-66	David W. Shoemaker
1928-29	Howard J. Dudley	1966-67	James C. Costello
1929-30	Charles H. Wagner, PDG	1967-68	Norman D. Southgate
1930-31	Frank B. Gall	1968-69	E. Wallis McKendree
1931-32	Paul H. Engle, PDG	1969-70	Andrew H. Aman, Sr.
1932-33	William T. Read	1970-71	Norman L. Hughes
1933-34	Frederick C. Vieser	1971-72	Charles P. O'Donnell
1934-35	Leon N. Neulen	1972-73	Dominic J. Giordano
1935-36	Trevor B. Mathews	1973-74	F. William Storck
1936-37	Charles G. Kelly	1974-75	LeRoy P. Evans
1937-38	Lawrence H. Ellis	1975-76	Charles C. Savery
1938-39	Preston D. Gardner	1976-77	David E. Van Name
1939-40	F. Morse Archer, Jr.	1977-78	C. Carlton Read
1940-41	Chris T. Ebersperger	1978-79	John M. Cathrall
1941-42	William A. Major, Jr.	1979-80	Ralph F. Angelillo
1942-43	Thomas L. Van Derslice	1980-81	Oren R. Thomas, III
1943-44	Albert M. Bean	1981-82	Wickliffe Hollingshead
1944-45	George M. Durgin	1982-83	David C. Dieterich
1945-46	Everett D. Smalley	1983-84	John M. Rourke, Jr.
1946-47	J. Wesley Goldthrop	1984-85	Sidney Goodwin
1947-48	James W. Willard	1985-86	Odom F. Burney
1948-49	LeGrand Roberts	1986-87	Lawrence D. Lyford
1949-50	J. Martin Nevins	1987-88	Charles W. Heuisler
1950-51	H.W. Tushingham	1989-90	Peter Brooke Smith
1951-52	Robert Y. Garrett, Jr., PDG		

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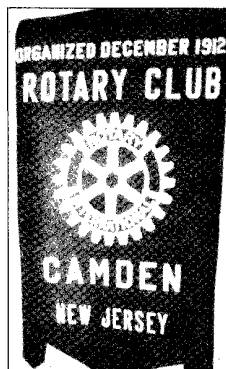
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### Camden Oldest Club in District 764, 2nd Oldest in State

The Rotary Club of Camden is steeped in tradition. Not only is the club the first chartered Rotary in District 764, which encompasses 64 clubs in Southern New Jersey, it is the second oldest in the state and the 59th chartered club in Rotary International history.

Chartered in April, 1913, eight years after the first Rotary Club organized in Chicago, the proud Camden club celebrated its 75th year of "Service Above Self" to its community and surrounding area during 1988.

In an anniversary booklet message to his fellow Rotarians, 1988 Camden President Charles W. Heuisler wrote: "While Rotary is indeed an international organization, it is only as strong as its local clubs and the individual members who make up those clubs. I salute all members, past and present. It is you who have made the Rotary Club of Camden an outstanding organization and it is you and your successors who will carry that tradition into the future."



Two Camden residents, Frederick Himmelein, Jr. and William G. Oaks, his son-in-law, were members of the Philadelphia Rotary which was chartered in 1911. On Dec. 3, 1912 at Himmelein's home, they hosted 25 Camden residents who discussed the formation of a Rotary in their city.

The Camden charter was received during a second meeting and was recorded in the proper state and county offices. Membership applications were received from 38, most of whom attended the first two meetings, and Ralph D. Baker was elected first president.

The charter year was a busy one for the club. The first monthly dinner meeting was held Jan. 7, 1913 at the Hotel Ridgeway. In April, the club began rotating its meetings, holding some at Howard Dudley's store including the first "Ladies' Night" on Nov. 11 which also featured a trip to Broadway Theater.

It's an understatement of epic proportions to point out that the club was an instant success. By the end of 1913, membership had jumped from 38 to 91. (During the '50s, Camden membership peaked at an extraordinary 193.)

On Aug. 4, 1914, Camden Rotary published its first edition of "The Hub," which still exists today. The club in 1917 established its emergency Sinking Fund and appointed a board of trustees to manage the investments. The Student Loan Fund started in 1922 with donations from club members.

Few service organizations in South Jersey history have had the Camden Rotary's club banner.. club's level of community involvement. Camden joined forces with other community interest groups to help support monumental projects such as the building of a new high school, a new municipal hospital and even the building of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge - first bridge to span the Delaware River in the metropolitan Philadelphia region.

One of the club's proudest affiliations has been with Camden County Council of the Boy Scouts of America. On Nov. 5, 1917, Rotary sponsored the organization of the county council. All funds for annual budgets were raised by the Camden Rotary until 1942 when the council became a member of the Camden Community Chest, and all council presidents until 1957 were Camden Rotarians.

Camden Rotarians still point with pride to the fact that the main building at Pine Hill Scout Reservation is called "Rotary Lodge."

Camden Rotary also has sponsored numerous projects such as the planting of trees along city streets, establishing a tree farm for the park system, and supplying smoke alarms for city residents.

Camden Rotarians through the years have held countless key offices in a variety of community groups such as the United Way, American Cancer Society, Mental Health Association and Visiting Nurses Association, which it helped organize.

There's a special patient room at Cooper Medical Center that was donated through the generosity of Camden Rotary.

Since sponsoring the Woodbury Rotary Club on Jan. 1, 1922, Camden has sponsored seven other clubs in District 764: Mount Holly, Palmyra-Riverton, Haddonfield, Collingswood, Gloucester City and Berlin.

Camden proudly boasts 24 Paul Harris Fellows. Also, the club has contributed \$40,000 to the Rotary International Foundation.

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Camden has produced four district governors: Paul H. Engle (1942-43), Charles H. Wagner (1950-51), Oren R. Thomas (1964-65) and Robert Y. Garrett Jr. (1972-73).

The club historically has been active in district projects for hospitals and orphanages and has a longstanding record of social involvement in outings such as ladies' night, golf tournaments, shad bakes, picnics, theater parties, trips, boat rides, stag weekends and sailing trips.

Camden Rotary also is acknowledged for its attention to international communication. Club member P.P.J. Martin (Mike) Nevius originated a plan to carry on regular correspondence between his Camden club and Rotary clubs in Norway which also resulted in visitor exchanges.

Numerous area youngsters have taken part in Camden Rotary's Study Exchange Team through the years. The club has been active in the Book Exchange Program and in a variety of youth programs.

No Rotarian has better exemplified the spirit of Camden Rotary than "Mr. Rotary," Jack Booth, who took enormous pride during a 43-year tenure as club secretary to label Camden as "The Best Damn Club in the Country."

In its anniversary program book, it was noted: "Never once have we forgotten or shirked our commitment to the City of Camden and its future. These past 75 years are only the beginning. We believe in the future of our club. Our future is assured because we have true members who will honor the traditions of the past."

### Charter Members

OFFICE	NAME OF MEMBER
President	Ralph D. Baker
	F. Stanley Bleakley
	Raymond S. Burrough
	William Cline
	Enos B. Dellmuth
	Elmer Deputy
	A.F.J. Dorn
	Howard J. Dudley
	V.M. Fulton
	Frank Hartmann
	John H. Heaton
	Frederick Himmelein, Jr.
	William J. Hussong
	Earl T. Jackson
	Allen Jarvis
	William E. Morgenweck
	William W. Morton
	William G. Oaks
	Hubert H. Pfeil
	Edward S. Preisendanz
	Sig. Schoenagle
	James Scott
	William J. Strandwitz
	Newton L. Swyler
	Edward F. Tretbar