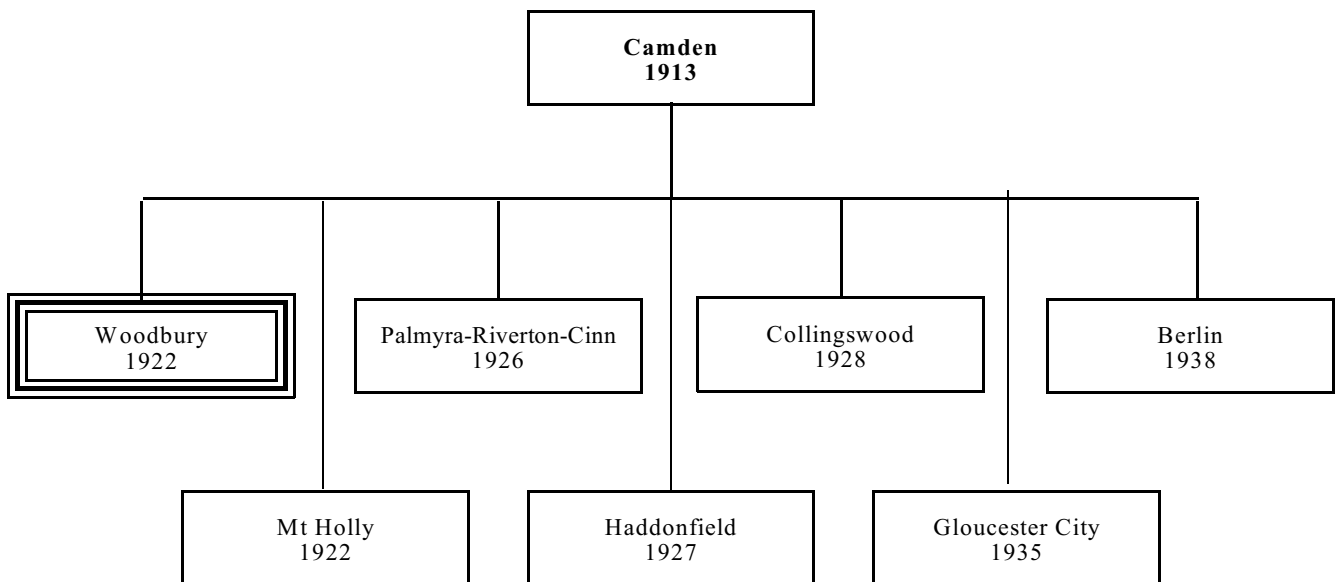


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## Rotary Club of Woodbury, N.J.



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Organized	November 29, 1921	Meets :	Tuesdays at 12:15 pm at
Chartered	January 1, 1922 Charter No. - 1060		The Woodbury Homesteader
Sponsored By	Camden		20 S. Broad St.,
Clubs Sponsored	Deptford		Woodbury, NJ 08096
	Woodbury Breakfast		(609) 845-5310

### Charter Members

OFFICE	NAME OF MEMBER	CLASSIFICATION
President	Wadsworth Cresse, Sr.	Bank Cashier
Vice President	James C. Henry, Sr.	Concrete Block Manufacturer
Secretary	Alexander L. Rogers	Lawyer
Treasurer	William H. Sutton, Jr.	Retail Druggist
Director	Clarence T. Laub	Shoe Dealer
Director	Ross S. Musselman	Secretary, YMCA
Director	Lewis B. Van Leuven	Vacuum Oil Co.
	John T. Allen	Building Contractor
	Edmund H. Carpenter	Editor
	Isaac S. Carson	Secretary, Loan Association
	J. Owen Carter	Civil Engineer
	John J. Christie	Plumber
	Joseph N. Coombs	Barber
	Ellison H. Davis	Treasurer, Woodbury
	Frank T. Eastlack	Coal Dealer
	Allen C. Eastlack	Automobiles
	Robert C. Hendrickson	Insurance
	William E. Keat	Assistant Editor
	Horace L. Parker	Retail Electrical Supplies
	Charles G. Schrenk	Baker
	Samuel B. Spiegle.	Musical Instruments
	Charles H. Vail	Osteopath
	C. Wayne Walton	Ice Manufacturer
	Amos G. Wick	Retail Dry Goods
	Rev. Robert G. Williams	Rector

## **Woodbury Long Near the Top in Numbers, Civic Service**

While there exists genuine concern among all service clubs in the country about declining membership numbers, the proud Woodbury Rotary Club, founded in 1921 and the fifth oldest Rotary in District 764, continues to flourish at a pace that sometimes astounds even the long-timers. In fact, the roster count climbed over 100 during 1988 - nine new long-timers

members joined during that year - as Woodbury reestablished itself as one of the most vibrant service clubs in the Delaware Valley - both in numbers and in service to its community.

Woodbury Rotary's history traces to 1921 when, at the request of Roy Goodwin of the Camden Rotary Club (Circa 1913, oldest in the district), Wadsworth (Waddy) Cresse, Sr., then a cashier at the First National Bank of Woodbury, gathered together a group of Woodbury businessmen to hear the Rotary message.

As a result of this meeting, Woodbury was chartered on Jan. 1, 1922. Cresse, appropriately, became the charter president. During the fledgling year of the Woodbury club, Cresse visited Chicago and met Rotary founder Paul Harris. Shortly after he died on March 29, 1971, Cresse posthumously was honored as the club's third Paul Harris Fellow (William Powell and Herbert A. Budd, Jr., both still active, were the first and second).

Cresse worked his way up the ladder from bank cashier to a bank president, spent 66 years in banking, and was one of Gloucester County's most enthusiastic community servants throughout his active life.

Cresse exemplified the spirit of Rotary and provided a powerful legacy for his son, Wadsworth (Waddy Jr.) Cresse, Jr., a lawyer and long-time Rotarian, and his grandson, Wadsworth (Chip) Cresse III, who followed granddad into banking, became a tireless civic leader, and himself is a Woodbury Rotary past president.

When Waddy, Sr. died at age 87, he was serving his 50th year as a Rotarian and was Woodbury's last surviving charter member.

Other Woodbury charter officers were James C. Henry, Sr., whose son James, Jr., is a Past President; vice president; Alexander L. Rogers, secretary; and William H. Sutton, Jr., treasurer. Considering some of the other familiar names on the charter membership roster - Eastlack, Davis and Hendrickson, to cite only a few - it's clear that Woodbury's Rotary heritage and tradition has had a strong filtering-down effect. Many relatives of these men are active today.

According to newspaper columnist, long-time Woodbury Rotarian and past president Clayton (Cy) Eastlack, Woodbury's charter lineup included a Ford dealer, a block manufacturer, an attorney, a druggist, an engineer, a barber, a newspaper editor and an office manager who later became a state senator and ambassador, Robert C. Hendrickson.

Father-and-son and brother combinations have proliferated through the years in Woodbury Rotary and are too numerous to recount. However, it's not unusual for as many as three brothers - such as Ed, Henry and Charlie Fredrick - to be in the fold at the same time.

Since the club's charter dinner-meeting Feb. 22, 1922 at Forest View Country Club, later known as Oak Valley Country Club, it has immersed itself in a wide range of worthwhile community projects. The list includes auctions, parade floats, a fund-raising circus, Christmas party for needy children, eyeglass clinic, high school scholarships, essay contests, sponsorship international help via CARE, and, in recent years, strong support of a Dominican Republic project to revive a dilapidated orphanage. Woodbury was among the district leaders in the latter project, which came to fruition in the fall of 1988 when several flew to Santo Domingo for the dedication ceremony.

Some other community highlights from the early years:

1922-32: Spearheaded a campaign to have a public comfort station built in Woodbury; provided uniforms for the Woodbury High girls' drum and bugle corps; started a drive to improve the lighting on Broad Street.

1932-42: Sponsored Gloucester County Rotary Night, with all county clubs participating; established a free eye clinic at Ace Motors.

1942-52: Sponsored several activities to raise money for the USO and Red Cross; members made regular purchases of War Bonds; provided cigarettes for servicemen; provided gifts for wounded servicemen at Tilton General Hospital; provided medical assistance to local residents who were hardship cases.



Woodbury Rotary's first four officers at their club installation dinner, Feb. 22, 1922. From left to right: Fred Davis, Treasurer; Jack Patterson, Secretary; Herbert A. Budd, Jr., President; and Sherm Fenter, Secretary.

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1962-72: Stocked Bell Tract Lake with fish; underwrote the cost of tonsillectomies for children in needy cases; purchased a musical instrument for the Bonsai Blues Band.

Woodbury Rotary also played a role in the Centennial Anniversary of the City of Woodbury in 1971. During the Centennial year, then club president Herbert A. Budd, Jr. ordered a hand-made, mouth-blown, glass bottle designed and created in the tradition of the South Jersey glass industry.

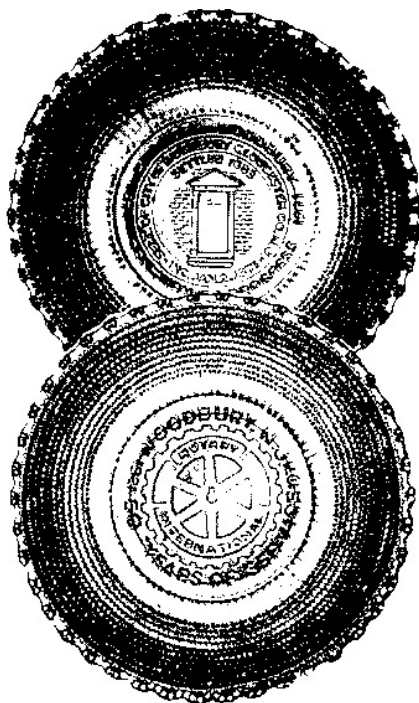
It was a fitting connection: 100 years of Woodbury city history and 50 years of Woodbury Rotary history. It's been a solid marriage for a long, long time.

Meanwhile, Herbert A. Budd, Jr. serves as District 764 governor during 1989-90. He is the second Woodbury Rotarian to hold the office. In 1980-81, another Herb - Herbert E. Hecker - held the post.

Woodbury's powerful Rotary history continues.



Woodbury Rotarian Norm Brous (left) accepting an appreciation award from then DG Lou Joyce in 1971 for his many years of service above self as secretary of the club.



## THERE'S HISTORY APLENTY IN WOODBURY, NEW JERSEY



### THE WOODBURY NEW JERSEY PLATE

A century of incorporated growth is the proud heritage of Woodbury, New Jersey. A city that on January 2, 1971 declared a year-long series of events to commemorate this important date. Mayor Robert E. Brumund led his community to the start of their second, 100 years by announcing that Woodbury would have a Centennial Ball, Youth Activities, Parades, Tournaments, an Historical Booklet—even a beard growing contest!

Mr. Herbert A. Budd, Jr., the president of the Woodbury Rotary Club, noted that his organization was in its 50th year of service to the community. He ordered a fitting commemorative of the two historical celebrations—a hand-made, mouth-blown, glass bottle designed and created in the manner of the famed New Jersey glass makers.

The official seal of the City of Woodbury is embossed on one side of the deep blue, 7" high bottle; on the reverse side the Rotary International seal has been molded into the flask, making an attractive and authentic memento of these historic events.

Mr. Budd, of 423 So. Girard St., in Woodbury, chose the Clevenger Bros. Glass Works of Clayton, New Jersey, to design and blow the bottles. Produced in very limited quantities, they have become a treasured collector's item.

It is to Mr. Budd's credit that he visualized a further glass application of the historic Woodbury bottle. From the same mouth-blown molds a few commemorative plates were fashioned.

The Woodbury New Jersey plate is taken from the same mouth-blown molds that produced the now rare Woodbury commemorative bottle.

Fashioned in the historic Star & Dewdrop pattern, the 7" plates were created in deep blue glass and became an immediate rarity. With both the bottles and plates, the City of Woodbury and the Woodbury Rotary Club had historic-memento successes. And Woodbury is an historic city.

Founded by a Quaker family, Woodbury is a combination of the family name Woods and the Woods' local parish in England, Bury. Settled in Deptford Township about 1685, the City of Woodbury was not incorporated until January 2, 1871. So it is that in 1971 the 100th Anniversary of the City and the 50th Anniversary of the Woodbury Rotary Club are celebrated.

Both the commemorative bottles and the commemorative plates were fashioned by the Clevenger Bros. Glass Works of Clayton, New Jersey—and were produced in the same historic, hand crafted manner that has made Jersey glass synonymous with America's founding.

The original molds for these valuable mementos were chromium plated and presented to the Gloucester County Historical Society Museum along with the first bottle and plates that were made.

A great deal of credit goes to our President's Rotary Ann Phyllis Budd who originated the idea. Woodbury Rotary takes this opportunity to express its appreciation for the great deal of time and effort Phyllis contributed in helping to make our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary a huge success.

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Woodbury Rotary has long been a sponsor of a Little League team. Here is the team from 1968. Club president '68-69 H. C. 'Nick' Moffett (far left) presents a trophy to Coach Bill Bicknell. Fifth from the left is Randy Budd, future Rotarian and son of Herb Budd, DG 89-90. Randy will be President of Woodbury Rotary in 1992-93.

Woodbury Rotarians and wives at the 1948 R.I. Convention in Atlantic City, NJ, (From left to right) Mr. & Mrs. Herb Hill, Dr. Tom McConaghy and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Fredrick.

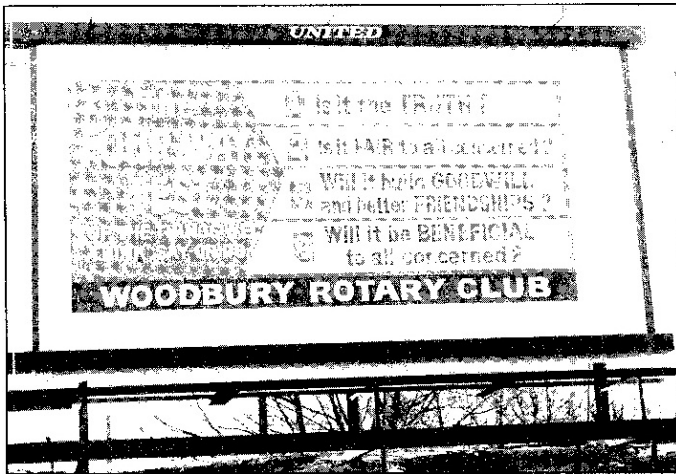


Left to right, Rotaryann Edie Patterson, Club President Fran North, and Past President Jack Patterson plant Rotary Rose Bushes in Woodbury Rotary Park, on Barber Avenue in Woodbury, in May of 1990. The bushes were purchased and planted in honor of DG 1989-90 Herb Budd and his District Rotary Rose project.

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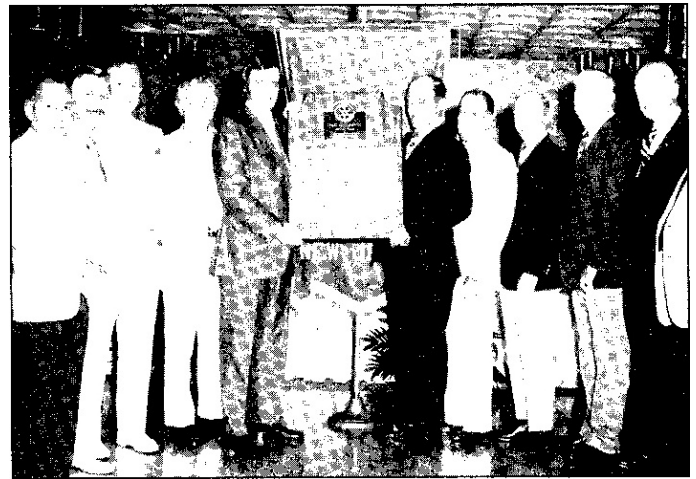
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Woodbury Rotary sponsored a 4 Way Test Billboard in place on Red Bank & Railroad Avenues in Woodbury during the winter of 1972-73.

Some Past Presidents of Woodbury Rotary at the club's installation dinner in 1972. Left to right are : G. Charles Frederick, '51-52; Norman S. Tyler, '62-63; Richard F. Leedy, '52-53; William Powell, '70-71; then President Herbert A. Budd, Jr., '71-72 presents a 50th Anniversary Past Presidents Memorial Plaque to then Incoming President Jack Patterson, '72-73; William L. Fannon, '57-58; James C. Henry, Jr., '67-68; Robert H. Black, '64-65; Herbert A. Hill, '42-43 and Clayton N. Eastlack, Jr., '60-61.



Woodbury Rotary's 50th Anniversary Float in 1971-72 which won first prize in the City of Woodbury's Centennial Pa



**Presidents**

1921-23	Wadsworth Cresse, Sr.	1956-57	G. Earle Davis
1923-24	James C. Henry	1957-58	William L. Fannon
1924-25	Alexander L. Rodgers	1958-59	Robert Lee
1925-26	Duncan Campbell	1959-60	Robert B. Sax
1926-27	William H. Albright	1960-61	Clayton N. Eastlack, Jr.
1927-28	Ross S. Musselman	1961-62	Henry E. Fredrick
1928-29	Amos G. Wick	1962-63	Norman S. Tyler
1929-30	Walt M. Miller	1963-64	Robert J. Kressley
1930-31	George P. Robins	1964-65	Robert H. Black
1931-32	Al R. Winterstein	1965-66	Walter E. Fish, Jr.
1932-33	Allen C. Eastlack	1966-67	John W. Plant
1933-34	Larry M. Goucher	1967-68	James C. Henry, Jr.
1934-35	William H. Sutton, Jr.	1968-69	Henry C. Moffett
1935-36	Rev. Robert G. Williams	1969-70	Max T. Reihmann
1936-37	J. Harvey Rodgers	1970-71	William Powell
1937-38	Dr. Carl Fischer	1971-72	Herbert A. Budd, Jr., DG
1938-39	Louis B. Moffett, Jr.	1972-73	John L. Patterson, Jr.
1939-40	Al F. Wilson	1973-74	Frederick E. Davis
1940-41	Douglas L. Hooker	1974-75	George W. Hill
1941-42	George B. Marshall	1975-76	Herbert E. Hecker, PDG
1942-43	Herb A. Hill	1976-77	Elwell MacNeil
1943-44	L. L. Lammert	1977-78	Robert E. Sickel
1944-45	H. W. Sheldon	1978-79	Heinz Hoeffers
1945-46	J. Owen Carter	1979-80	John Gligor
1946-47	Dr. Harold L. Simmerman	1980-81	Martin J. Silver
1947	T. P. Reeder	1981-82	Wadsworth Cresse III
1948	Al F. Wilson	1982-83	Harry Simon, Jr.
1948-49	Norman Brous	1983-84	Gary D. Thompson
1949-50	William H. Baum	1984-85	S. Edward Davis
1950-51	Oscar Ware	1985-86	Ernest A. Spangler
1951-52	G. Charles Fredrick	1986-87	Robert J. Cales
1952-53	Richard F. Leedy	1987-88	Edward F. Miquez
1953-54	Harry C. Wilson, Jr	1988-89	Warren H. Carr
1954-55	Randall B. Johnson	1989-90	Francis North
1955-56	John N. Tyler		