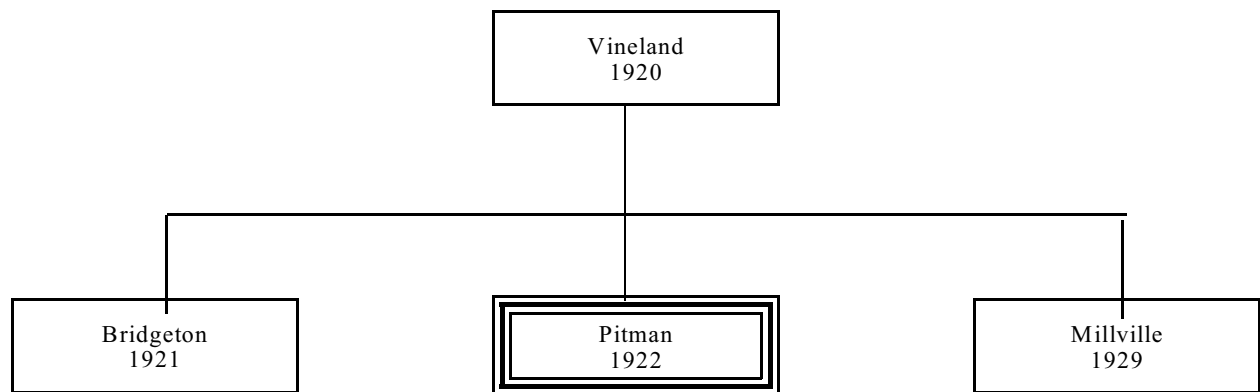


Chapter 8

Rotary Club of Pitman, N.J.



Chartered	November 2, 1922 Charter No. - 1276	Meets :Tuesdays at 12:15 pm at
Sponsored By	Vineland	Richwood Manor
Clubs Sponsored	Glassboro	Route 322,
		Richwood, NJ 08074
		(609) 589-3885

Charter Members

OFFICE	NAME OF MEMBER
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President	J. Howard Morris Edward Bird Jacob Bryan Wendell Burkett H. Bailey Chalfant C. Howard Clark Vernon D. Clark David Green George Kindle Clarence Pidgeon Eastlack Porch Willis T. Porch Charles Riley Stacy Robbins J. Gurney Sholl
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DG 89-90 Herb Budd presents Pitman Club President Joe Dries with his governor's banner at his official visit to their club,

Pitman, Rotary International, Have Great Deal in Common

The eighth oldest club among the 65 in District 764, Pitman Rotary Club has a long and proud history dating to its charter in 1922. J. Howard Morris is credited with having done most of the groundwork to get the Pitman club established, and became president of a charter membership of 15 which included Edward Bird, Jacob Bryan, Dr. Wendell Burkett, Dr. H. Bailey Chalfant, C. Howard Clark, Vernon D. Clark, David Green, George Kindle, Clarence Pidgeon, Eastlack Porch, Willis T. Porch, Charles Riley, Stacy Robbins, and J. Gurney Sholl.

Ironically, Pitman borough history parallels Rotary International history. In 1905, Chicago lawyer Paul Harris founded Rotary. And in 1905, Pitman was incorporated as a borough. In 1955, both Pitman and Rotary International celebrated their 50th anniversaries. In '72, Pitman Rotary celebrated No. 50.

Sponsored by Vineland Rotary and itself a sponsor of the Glassboro (1924) and Harrison Township (1973) clubs, Pitman's roster has included many of the community's business and professional leaders. Its high-water mark in attendance came in 1952 when there were 53 members.

During the 1920s, Pitman immersed itself in support of activities such as the student loan fund, Boy Scouts, YMCA and Christmas charity.

The club's community interests intensified in the '30s: A Christmas theater party for all area children; eyeglasses and dental work for needy children; sponsorship of the new Federal Building dedication; donation to flood relief; a loan to a student for business college training; and, among many others, a contribution to the Finland Relief Fund.

As part of its ongoing support of the U.S. World War II effort, Pitman Rotary in 1942 entertained 34 heroic men from the USS Boise at Christmas dinners in members' homes. And at a dance later in their honor, the club purchased more than \$1,600 in War Bonds and Stamps. Also, the club conducted a book drive for servicemen's centers.

In a myriad of other activity during the '40s, Pitman built a drinking fountain in the center of town; sponsored a high school sports banquet for championship athletic teams; recognized an outstanding high school student each month; helped purchase uniforms for the basketball team; assisted the town youth canteen; sponsored a free concert by the South Jersey Orchestra; placed street markers in school zones; and purchased hospital beds, wheelchairs and crutches for use by anyone in the community.

During the '50s, Pitman provided tonsillectomy care for a needy boy; helped build a Girl Scout cabin; sponsored a Brownie troop; sponsored a circus which provided funds for community projects; began sending representatives to Boys State; sponsored a soap box derby; entered a float in the Fourth of July parade; made donations to three PTA groups; provided funds for flood relief in Putnam, Conn.; took part in a statewide safety contest; promoted a softball game with other service clubs with proceeds going to Little League; sponsored a Christmas lights contest; and took an active role in the "Keep Pitman Clean" campaign.

Starting with Roger Meylan of Switzerland in 1958 and ending with Jose DeUrena of Spain in 1972, Pitman Rotary sponsored 14 visitors through Rotary's Experiment in International Living.

The list of community activities kept growing and growing as Pitman Rotary headed into the second half of the growing 20th Century: donated funds to the borough's recreation programs; furnished transportation to the cerebral palsy clinic; sponsored a Junior League baseball team; used borough-owned land to develop Rotary Park; supplied Camp Sun and Fun with movies through funds collected at an auction; sponsored a back-to-school safety program for children; purchased a copy machine for the public library; and many, many more.

Today, Pitman's countless projects include the restoration of historic Sunset Auditorium as an ongoing activity. And one Pitman Rotarian donated two buses to the Santo Domingo orphanage in the Dominican Republic which has been a pet District 764 project in the late '80s-

Pitman's current roster includes one honorary member, Edward Davis, who joined Woodbury in 1932 and is a 57-year Rotarian, one of the district's oldest.

There currently are five father-son combinations in Pitman Rotary including three Simmermans: Dr- Harold and his sons, Dr. Martin and Dr. Steven.

Among the club's 17 Paul Harris Fellows is former U.S. Congressman John E. Hunt, who during 1989 celebrates 30 years in the Pitman club.

Presidents

1922-23	J. Howard Morris	1957-58	H. Leonard Eckman
1923-24	Charles J. Riley	1958-59	Rodney Tweed
1924-25	David D. Green	1959-60	Harold E. Poling
1925-26	Wendell, J. Burkett	1960-61	George Dign
1926-27	H. Bailey Chalfant	1961-62	Roger Lovelace
1927-28	Alvin C. Webb	1962-63	William Pownall
1928-29	William T. Porch	1963-64	Lloyd Doeblor
1929-30	Arthur F. Denney	1964-65	Kenneth Sergeson
1930-31	Daniel W. Davis	1965-66	Harold E. Down
1931-32	Walter Haight	1966-67	Anthony C.M. Caso
1932-33	William B. Mathis	1967-68	Martin M. Shorr
1933-34	Walter H. Moore	1968-69	Nick C. Nicolaisen
1934-35	Clayton N. Eastlack	1969-70	Robert S. Bell
1935-36	Paul W. Peterson	1970-71	Richard Mangano
1936-37	Julius A. Woidill	1971-72	Robert H. Crowley
1937-38	Reeves Merritt	1972-73	Joseph L. Adukinas
1938-39	J.J. Savitz	1973-74	Robert Laskowski
1939-40	Edward T. Jaggard	1974-75	John H. Fleming
1940-41	Robert Stewart	1975-76	Clifford C. Seran
1941-42	Edward E. Davis	1976-77	Steven Simmerman
1942-44	Frank Ellis	1977-78	Leonard Stevens
1944-45	William C. Finger	1978-79	Martin Simmerman
1945-46	Joseph Nickolson	1979-80	Mark S. Dudichum
1946-47	Samuel W. Collin	1980-81	Gary Thies
1947-48	George Anderson	1981-82	John E. Hunt
1948-49	Howard C. Stanwood	1982-83	LeRoy Delattre
1949-50	William N. Vandergrift	1983-84	Raymond Lubrana
1950-51	Melbourne Lawson	1984-85	Bruce H.E. Roesler
1951-52	Bud Woodward	1985-86	Harry E. Jones
1952-53	William A. Boyd	1986-87	Walter L. Roth, Jr.
1953-54	James I. Cobbin	1987-88	Harry M. Chambers
1954-55	Rowland Porch	1988-89	Robert C. Polocz
1955-56	Charles Webb	1989-90	Joseph Dries
1956-57	George Dudichum		