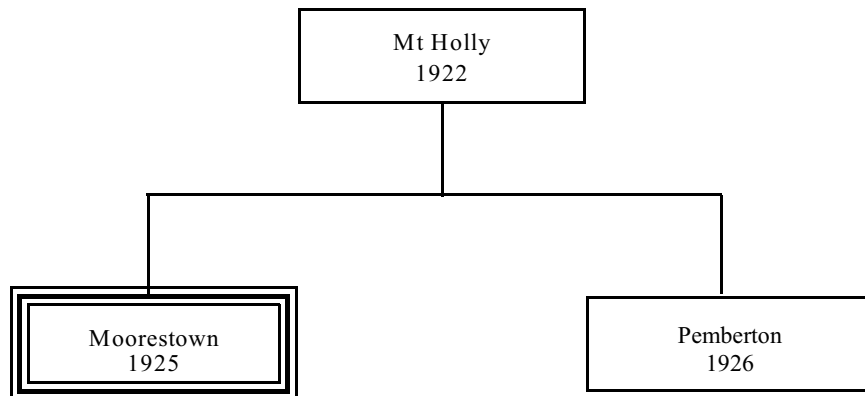


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Rotary Club of Moorestown, N.J.



75th Anniversary History of District 764

Moorestown, NJ

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Organized	April 23, 1925	Meets :	Thursdays at 12:15 pm at
Chartered	May 6, 1925 Charter No. - 2024		Moorestown Community House
Sponsored By	Mt. Holly		16 E. Main St.,
Clubs Sponsored	Medford-Vincetown, Beverly		Moorestown, NJ 08057
	Mt. Laurel (Co-Sponsor),		(609) 235-0326
	Moorestown Breakfast		

Presidents

1925-26	John G. Pettit	1958-59	Alfred N. Evans
1926-27	William Grobler	1959-60	Arthur B. Peacock
1927-28	George C. Baker	1960-61	James D. Stockwell
1928-29	Clarence E. Worrell	1961-62	Walter E. Fleming
1929-30	Clarence L. Henderson	1962-63	C. William Haines, Sr., PDG
1930-31	Henry H. Stiles	1963-64	Merrill L. Hiatt
1931-32	Chester L. Reagan	1964-65	E. Vernon Davis
1932-33	S. Thornton Hollinshead	1965-66	Winston E. Parker
1933-34	Howard Curtis	1966-67	Irving Hollingshead
1934-35	Howard A. Lippincott	1967-68	Paul H. Isenberg, Jr.
1935-36	Albert T. Andrews	1968-69	Raymond E. Mumma
1936-37	Jonathan W. Powell	1969-70	Ralph I. Shockey, PDG
1937-38	Albert J. Frohock	1970-71	Takashi Moriuchi
1938-39	Royston Engle	1971-72	William A. Angus, Jr.
1939-40	H. Fred Robinson	1972-73	Joseph W. MacMichael, Jr.
1940-41	James McChesney	1973-74	George K. Plackett, Jr.
1941-42	George Darlington	1974-75	John T. Carney
1942-43	Ellis E. Hyland	1975-76	Henry C. DeNyse
1943-44	Leroy Conrow	1976-77	John R. Boyer
1944-45	Edwin H. Chambers	1977-78	Andrew L. Hammereschmidt
1945-46	Charles J. Ellinger	1978-79	Edgar B. Nichols
1946-47	D.H. Bartine Ulmer	1979-80	Sidney A. Greenblatt
1947-48	W. Scott James	1980-81	John S. Makel
1948-49	Joseph P. Sutton	1981-82	George J. Honeyford
1949-50	William P. Yetter	1982-83	Henry D. Felton
1950-51	Ernest Potts	1983-84	C. Harry Knowles
1951-52	Charles L. Walton	1984-85	M. Jefferson Davis
1952-53	Albert C. Hobbie	1985-86	Donald W. Koehler
1953-54	Frank Moerk	1986-87	Stanley R. Lane
1954-55	John W. Thacker	1987-88	Michael L. Sanyour
1955-56	E. Byron Nichols, Sr.	1988-89	Harry R. Koons
1956-57	Calvin F. Ellis	1989-90	Richard DeCou
1957-58	N. Edward Melton		

Moorestown Makes R.I. Top 20 in PolioPlus Contributions

The Rotary Club of Moorestown unquestionably ranks with the most successful clubs not only in District 764, but throughout Rotary International. As just two examples, Moorestown's Polio-Plus contribution as of June 1988 was an astounding 5102,605, placing it in the Top 20 worldwide. And it has over 100 Paul Harris Fellows.

In 1925, Morris Perinchief, president of Mt. Holly Rotary, discussed the merits of Rotary with his friend William Grobler of Moorestown. Grobler, in turn, contacted John G. Pettit, treasurer of Moorestown Trust Company, and the two took on the task of gathering local business and professional men to discuss the formation of a club in their community.

The first Moorestown meeting was held April 2, 1925, at Coles Hotel. Twenty-one days later, the group held its organizational meeting at the same hotel, elected officers and directors, and adopted its by-laws. Pettit was named president and Grobler secretary of a 23-member charter club which was sponsored by Mt. Holly.

The meeting site was switched from Coles Hotel to the Community House in 1926, and has remained there ever since.

Moorestown is proud of its music tradition. Howard Curtis was song leader for 23 years, from 1925-48, and then was succeeded by Jonathan Powell. The club has had only three accompanists in its six-plus decades including Edith K. Powell, who played an amazing 47 years from 1931-78.

Moorestown members not only have served Rotary with distinction, but have held positions in the state Senate and state Assembly as well as local designations as mayor, township committeemen, board of education and countless other



Moorestown Rotarians welcome the 1990 Group Study Exchange Team from District 312 in India to a club meeting. Seated left to right, Neeta Singh, Rani Khanna, and Amrita Chatterji. Standing left to right, Moorestown Mayor Walter Maahs, Ajit Saigal, Virendra Khanna, Club President Richard DeCou, Vishwesh Tiwari and Club GSE Chairman Don Kocher

important roles. Club members helped found the Moorestown Historical Society, The Newcomers Club, Boy Scout Troop #3, which it sponsored from 1927-42, and Perkins Art Center.

Moorestown Rotary's first ladies' night was June 3, 1926. Dr. Sigmund Spaeth's address was, "Common Sense of Music.", Rotary and the Y's Men's Club met for the first time in 1946 prior to Thanksgiving and Christmas to engage in fellowship which has served both organizations well.

Rotary signs were first installed in 1926 at three locations entering Moorestown. Today, there are five signs.

Moorestown Rotary has sponsored four other Burlington County Rotaries: Mar-
ton-Medford-Vincentown in 1939, Beverly in '45, Mt. Laurel in '70, and Moorestown Breakfast Club in 86. The club since 1954 has published a comprehensive directory which includes photographs of its members. Some other Moorestown Rotary highlights:

* Summer picnics have been popular for many years.

They've been held at several locations including C. William Haines, Sr.'s farm, Charles Walton's lake near Medford, Irving Hollingshead's country home, Tak Moriuchi's Irving farm, Camp Matalinique, and RCA Engineers Park.

*In May 1985, the club held its gala 60th anniversary party at Tavistock Country Club.

*As early as 1926, Moorestown began supplying scholarship funds for local high school students. The first was James Leary, who received \$200. In a motion passed by the club, it was decided to "...establish a student loan fund for individual financing of boys through school or college." No mention of girls.

Sept. 17, 1936, Rotary appointed a Student Loan Fund committee to raise money for the fund. Part of the money would come from fines for not wearing badges and for tardiness. Other money would be generated from the popular weekly "white elephant" auction.

(That experiment ended in '39 when Emmor Roberts brought a live pig, who ran down the tables when unwrapped and did a number on the chinaware.)

*In '48, Moorestown Rotary established a \$100 nursing scholarship for a high school graduate.

*In 1968-69, the club developed a major scholarship program for students at Moorestown High, Moorestown Friends, and Holy Cross High School on a proposal by president Ray Mumma. Several projects have helped finance the program, notably the Rotary Adventure Series which annually brings in as much as \$10,000.

More than \$150,000 has been awarded through the program and the club has helped finance more than 360 college semesters for local students.

*The club launched an Interact in 1979. Fund-raisers like a 24-hour volleyball marathon have supported worthwhile projects such as providing food for the needy at Christmas and Thanksgiving. Money raised from selling tickets to 76er games went to support the refurbishing of the orphanage in the Dominican Republic.

*Rotary built stone fireplaces and installed picnic tables and benches at the Strawbridge Park development for the

enjoyment of the entire community.

*It prepared and published maps of the township for businessmen, township officials, industries, and prospective industries, in 1952.

*Also in '52, Rotary collaborated with the Y's Men, Lions and Kiwanis to form a joint committee - Inter-service Club Council - to keep the clubs advised on all matters of interest to the community. The group's charge includes naming a Citizen of the Year. Fourteen Rotarians have been among the honorees.

*Rotaryann Grace Heyer discovered in '72 that Moorestown did not sponsor a Red Cross blood drive, Through her efforts, Rotary became the sponsor. Between 1973 and 1981 alone, blood drives organized through the combined efforts of the club and Explorer Post #44 produced almost 3,000 pints of blood.

*Besides the aforementioned scholarships, Moorestown Rotary is well known for its support of youth activities. Among them have been co-sponsorship with the high school faculty of a career conference with juniors and seniors; a combined football dinner with Mt. Holly Rotary for the respective high school teams; Youth in Government Day; and the visit of high school students to weekly meetings.

*The club also has been active in its assistance to senior citizens. Rotarians provided talks for residents of local nursing homes for several years. Others served as volunteers at area hospitals. Each Christmas, Moorestown Rotarians and Rotaryann sing carols at the nursing facilities.

*Moorestown Rotary in 1952 took part in a drive to find clothing for needy Belgians.

*In 1958, Jean Colin, a student from Paris, became the first foreign exchange student to visit Moorestown Rotary as the club became immersed in R.I.'s Youth Exchange. Moorestown has sponsored the studies abroad of more than 30 local students, and has hosted as many.

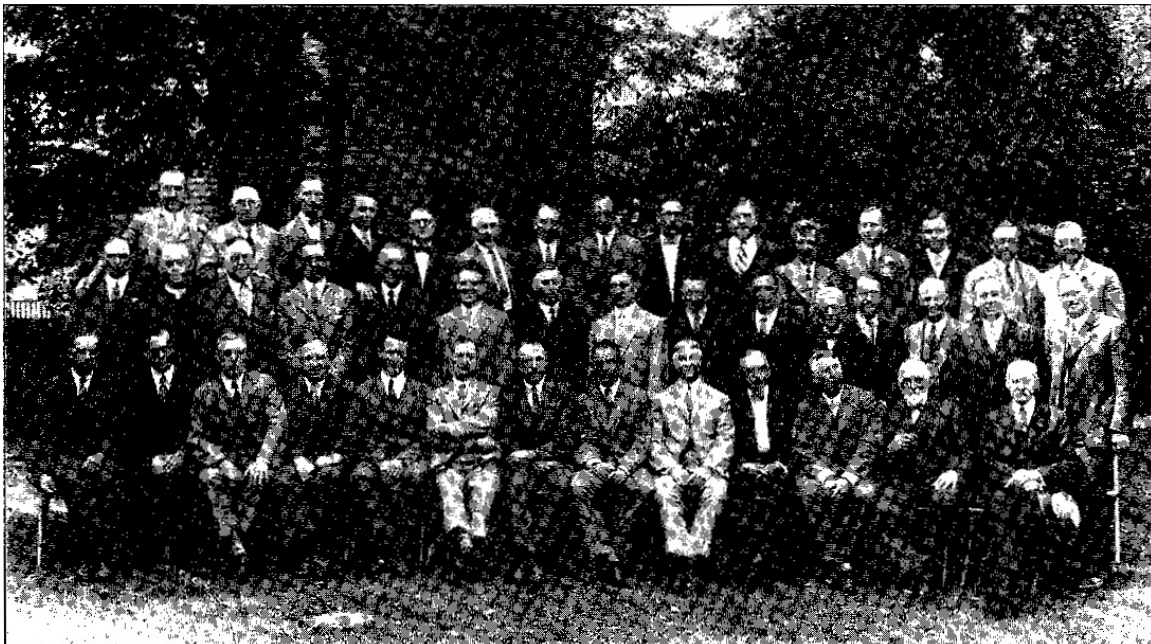
*Moorestown Rotary also has been active in R.I. exchange groups. It has participated in exchanges with six different R.I. worldwide districts starting with Australia in '72.

*More than 400 have been members of Moorestown Rotary during its history, and the current roster of more than 100 makes it one of the largest in District 764. When he died in 1984, Dr. Clarence Henderson was the last of the charter members.

Three Moorestown Rotarians have been district governors: Emmor Roberts in 1944-45, William Haines Sr. in 1966-67, and Rev. Ralph I. Shockey in 1974-75.

Charter Members

Office	OFFICE	NAME OF MEMBER
President	John G. Pettit	Investment Banking
Vice President	William Grobler	Funeral Director
Secretary	Clarence E. Worrell	Engineering
Treasurer	George C. Baker	Education-Public
Director	Clarence L. Henderson	Dentist
Director	Emmor Roberts, PDG	Fruit Grower
	Irving A. Collins	Building Supplies
	Arthur J. Collins, Sr.	Nursery
	Howard C. Curtis	General Practitioner
	Bertram T. Edgar	Interior Decorator
	Albert Ellis	Plumber
	George B. Evans	Lawyer
	William D.B. French	Road Construction
	S. Thornton Hollinshead	Civil Engineer
	Howard Knight	Coal
	Earl C. Kuhns	Auto-Retail
	William G. LeConey	Real Estate
	Stewart R. Maines	Builder
	Ellis H. McAllister	Garage
	Russell E. Perkins	Investments
	Gale S. Roger	Laundry
	Henry H. Stiles	Pharmacist
	Frederick A. Warden	Protestant Minister



Front Row (left to right), William G. LeConey, Edward P. Hyland, James F. Hendrick, Norris Bennett, John G. Pettit, George C. Baker, William Grobler, Clarence E. Worrell, Henry H. Stiles, Lea H. McClelland, and E.C. Worrell.
 Center Row (left to right), James J. Tomes, W.W. Gardiner, Ian Forbes, Thornton Hollinshead, George B. Evans, Howard C. Curtis, Bertam T. Edgar, Russell E. Perkins, and Arthur J. Collins, Sr.
 Back Row (left to right), Jonathan W. Powell, Ellis H. McAllister, Howard Knight, Sr., Earl C. Kuhns, Chester Reagan, Stewart R. Maines, Irving Hollingshead, William F. Robinson, S. Roger Gale, and Howard Lippincott