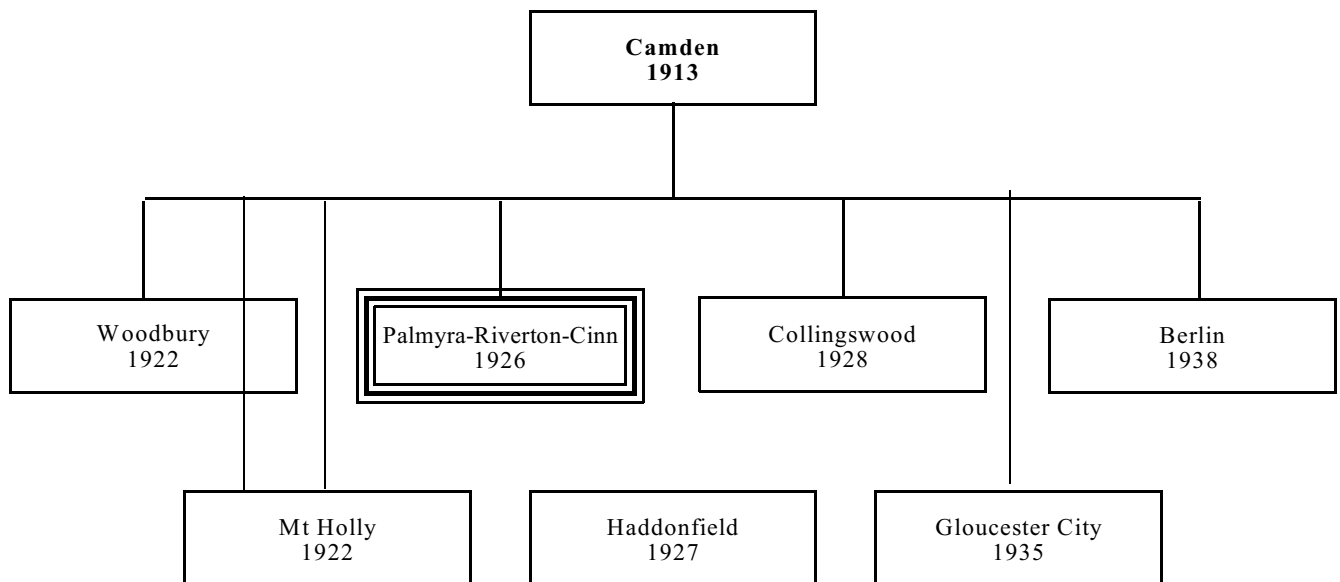


Chapter 11

Rotary Club of Palmyra-Riverton- Cinnaminson, N.J.



75th Anniversary History of District 764

Palmyra-Riverton-Cinnaminson, NJ

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Organized	January 7, 1926	Meets :	Thursdays at 6:15 pm at
Chartered	January 25, 1926	Charter No. - 2228	Riverton Country Club
Sponsored By	Camden		Highland Ave.,
Clubs Sponsored	Burlington,		Cinnaminson, NJ 08077
	Riverside-Delran-Delanco		(609) 829-5500

Charter Members

OFFICE	NAME OF MEMBER	CLASSIFICATION
President	Charles S. Mills	Physician & Surgeon
Vice President	John S. Warner	Real Estate
Secretary	Fred W. Seeber	Land Development
Treasurer	Ross E. Mattis	Ice Retailer
Director	Joseph S. Low	General Law Practice
Director	Harry B. Williams	Coal Retailing
Director	Earl L. Williams	Banking
	William H. Albertson	Refined Oil Products
	George L. Anderson	Decorating Materials
	William F. Becker	Groceries
	Paul C. Burr	Millwork
	Luke K. Eberly	Drug Retailing
	Herman E. Eichner	Building Construction
	Joseph T. Evans	Lumber
	J. Horace Finney	Concrete Construction
	Edwin Fish	Plumbing
	Charles A. Mohrfeld	Architecture
	Harry C. Schwering, Jr.	Hardware Retailing
	Frank A. Snover	Undertaker
	George D. Steedle	Bus Service
	Evan W. Storer	Farming,
	Paul W. Van Sant	Electric Supplies
	Everett O. Wolcott	Life Insurance
	Clinton B. Woolston	Garage & Service Station
	Charles A. Wright	Municipal Water Serv.

Palmyra-Riverton.-Cinnaminson Had 1st Fellow in District

Cooperation among District 764 Rotary Clubs in the publication of this anniversary book was exceptional. And Palmyra-Riverton-Cinnaminson Rotary - originally Palmyra-Riverton - was right at the top of the list, with the combined chronologies of Cliff Mayfield and George E. Woodford, starting with the club's charter year of 1926, among the very best. In fact, it would be impossible to include even half of the available information without the club qualifying for its own book.

The club is justifiably proud of its accomplishments over nearly 65 years, and has kept meticulous records to document those good deeds.

Here are just a few of the highlights:

Had the first Paul Harris Fellow in District 764, Henry Naisby.

Had the first woman named a Paul Harris Fellow, Bertha Naisby Ford.

had two district governors, Bob Adams and Henry Naisby.

Has received a congratulatory letter from President Ronald Reagan.

Has had four Rotary scholars - Kathy Kurtz, 1975-76, England; Edamarie Mattea, 1985-86, France; Marie Frank, 1987-88, Scotland; and Gina McGovern, 1989-90, England.

As of January 1989, Palmyra-Riverton-Cinnaminson had achieved the 15,900 percent Rotary Foundation level with total contributions of \$88,752. And every club member is either a Paul Harris Fellow or sustaining member.



Chatzidakis (left) and DGN 91-92 Col. Jim Davidson, won a 1989-90 Rotary Foundation Scholarship for a year's study in London. She was sponsored by Palmyra-Riverton-Cinnaminson and they also made her a Pa' Harris Fellow.

Charter night was held Feb. 23, 1926, at the P.O.S. of A. Hall in Palmyra, with Dr. Charles Street Mills installed as president of a group of 25. George Wonfer of Camden's sponsoring club - first in the district - chaired the \$2.50 per person banquet. At the end of the first year, there were 41 members, of whom Luke Eberly, Harry Schwering and Frank Snover amazingly were still active after nearly 60 years.

Club meetings were shifted to Porch Hall from Collins Hall that first year and efforts were made to have the seating Gina McGovern, pictured with Club President Evan places varied. Club balance was \$113.70. But the club bulletin was dropped for a period of time because of the high cost of printing - \$5.45 per issue. Some year-by-year highlights:

1927-28: The first children's Christmas party was held.

1928-29: There was a stir during March elections when nominations were made from the floor. According to the minutes, "The method of holding elections was felt to be decidedly unsatisfactory and it was unanimously conceded that Pat Steedle had a perfect right to go off in a corner and laugh at the club's expense."

1929-30: Membership fell from 41 to 36 during the Great Depression. The district conference was held in Philadelphia. Members

Frank and Joe Seel understandably were surprised to watch an airplane parachute a container to them while they were on the golf course. A communique summoned them to attend the meeting.

1931-32: As, additional indication of the impact of the Depression, membership fell to 28, the catering fee was reduced to 75 cents, and the bank balance plummeted to 585.70. But during the same year, there was 100 percent attendance 11 weeks in a row.

This also, the year of the Great Hoax. George Rogers, a state trooper and club member, was scheduled as speaker at a regular meeting. He arrived late, explaining that he drove hurriedly from Hammonton.

Another state trooper burst into the meeting and demanded to know the driver of the Chrysler parked outside. When Rogers admitted he was the culprit, the intruding trooper insisted angrily he take Rogers to Berlin. Indignant club members said they'd pay Rogers' bail.

Rogers was permitted to go on with his talk, then broke down laughing during his rambling, disjointed speech. The two troopers had set up the Rotarians.

1937-38: The November meeting was devoted to a discussion of the New Jersey "invasion" ' by the men from Mars which had panicked the country only a few days earlier.

1938-39: Sixteen members posted perfect attendance records during the year. Bob Adams donated the concrete supports for a new club project, town benches. Rotary volunteers began providing vocational guidance at the high school.

1941-42: Joe Seel, who went on to have 28 years of perfect attendance and also had two terms of secretary covering 31 years, served his term as president.

1942-43: The club emerged the winner in an eight-week attendance contest with Woodbury with a 99 percent mark. War restrictions forced the club to move to the Women's Club because the Porch Club had no heat.

1943-44: Top program of the year was an eyewitness account of the attack on Pearl Harbor from Marion C. Hamilton, wife of an Navy officer.

1944-45: The club's most ambitious program to date raised \$7,400 for the Tri-Boro Youth Fund.

1945-46: Attendance average was 94.4, including eight straight 100 percent meetings.

1948-49: The Rotary supported a drive to pay off the mortgage on the Community Center.

1949-50: A tree was planted in Memorial Park to honor deceased club members.

1950-51: A flurry of club activity included the start of a student loan, placement of benches at bus stops, and the donation of a rescue boat and trailer to the fire company.

1955-56: Club membership climbed to 70, highest in history. President Herbert Parsons, underscoring the club's sense of humor, arranged to have an actor who was playing the role of a waiter thrown out of the country club on ladies' night.

1958-59: Club participation in Rotary Foundation soared from 200 to 500 percent. A second boat was given to the Palmyra Rescue Squad.

1959-60: Jan Bengtsson of Sweden became the club's first exchange student.

1961-62: A vote was passed to include Cinnaminson in the club name. The club bought out the house at a Camden County Music Fair production and profited \$2,000 from the ticket sale for several community projects.

1963-64: The club hosted a Rotary meeting at the World's Fair in New York on April 22, but two busloads barely made it on time because the drivers got lost in the city.

1968-69: Henry Naisby became district governor-elect at the Lake Placid meeting. A Bloodmobile visit was meeting the club's most ambitious community projects ever.

1970-71: Numerous new club projects went implemented after the closing of the Music Fair. Carl McAllister's club bulletin was rated No. 2 in the district.

1973-74: The club's major gift of the year was a "Cardimat 3T" to Zurbrugg Hospital.

1974-75: Past president, past secretary and past district governor Henry Naisby died on June 29 while on vacation after attending the R.I. Convention in Montreal.

1975-76: As a Bicentennial project, the club painted tri-borough fire hydrants red, white and blue. 1976-77: The club donated an Anatomical Annie to the American Red Cross for CPR programs.

1977-78: A highly successful fund-raiser was a musical program featuring the "Sweet Adelines" and "Pine Barrens" which netted \$3,500.

1981-82: "Ed Jessup Night" recognized Ed's incredible 50 years of 100 percent attendance.

1982-83: The annual citrus fruit sale cleared \$2,600.

1983-84: After 44 years of continuous 100 percent attendance, Maury Joyce moved to Florida and was made an honorary member. The club was active in an extraordinary fund-raiser. Combined community efforts for the Frank Pugh Fund surpassed \$50,000 and Rotary efforts accounted for almost \$19,000.

1986-87: Upon his 93rd birthday, Ed Jessup was recognized for 53 years of perfect attendance. A golf outing netted \$9,000 for handicapped children

Presidents

1926-27	Charles S. Mills	1958-59	Jonathan K. Taylor
1927-28	J. Horace Finney	1959-60	George E. Woodford
1928-29	Joseph S. Low	1960-61	Arthur R. Mandeville
1929-30	Frank N. Snover	1961-62	Carl F. Landgraf
1930-31	Clement B. Lewis	1962-63	William G. Hemphill
1931-32	Howard B. Conover	1963-64	Robert S. Fowles
1932-33	George Lockett	1964-65	Lester H. Friday
1933-34	Richard D. Barclay	1965-66	John H. Thompson
1934-35	P. Conner Hulse	1966-67	James R. McQuaide
1935-36	Earl L. Williams	1967-68	Paul P. Vollmar
1936-37	E. Newbold Cooper	1968-69	James M. Davidson, Sr.
1937-38	A. Eugene Hargett	1969-70	N. Robert Maire
1938-39	Clifton P. Mayfield	1970-71	Donald C. Beard
1939-40	Luke K. Eberly	1971-72	Herman E. Hensgen
1940-41	George Friday	1972-73	Earle H. Harder
1941-42	Joseph G. Seel	1973-74	Thomas E. Weber
1942-43	Robert G. Adams, PDG	1974-75	Carl W. McAllister
1943-44	Carl H. Thomas	1-975-76	Robert J. Finney
1944-45	Harry B. Williams	1976-77	Austin J. Chamberlain
1945-46	Robert B. Stewart	1977-78	Len B. Nelson
1946-47	Walter D. Lamon, Sr.	1978-79	Allister H. McCree
1947-48	Alfred R. Gilmore	1979-80	Thalberg King, Jr.
1948-49	Earle B. Harder	1980-81	Arthur Gowell
July - Dec 1949	Lemuel N. Burhoe	1981-82	James M. Davidson, Jr.
Dec. 1949-1951	Dewees F. Showell	1982-83	John O. Sitzler, Jr.
1951-52	Edward W. Fry	1983-84	Robert D. Rosvold
1952-53	Donald M. Patterson	1984-85	William A. DeVece
1953-54	Henry G. Naisby, PDG	1985-86	Harry W. Richman
1954-55	Maurice F. Joyce	1986-87	Michael J. Givnish
1955-56	Herbert H. Parsons	1987-88	Robert A. Rodriguez
1956-57	James B. Ryan	1988-89	Anthony T. Cherico
1957-58	Arthur W. Lewis	1989-90	Evan Chatzidakis



President 87-88 Bob Rodriguez (left) and Treasurer Evan Chatzidakis (right) present a \$6,500 check to District Chairman Dave Forward, one of the club's contributions to the PolioPlus campaign. The total for the club will be over \$75,000 over the next five years.