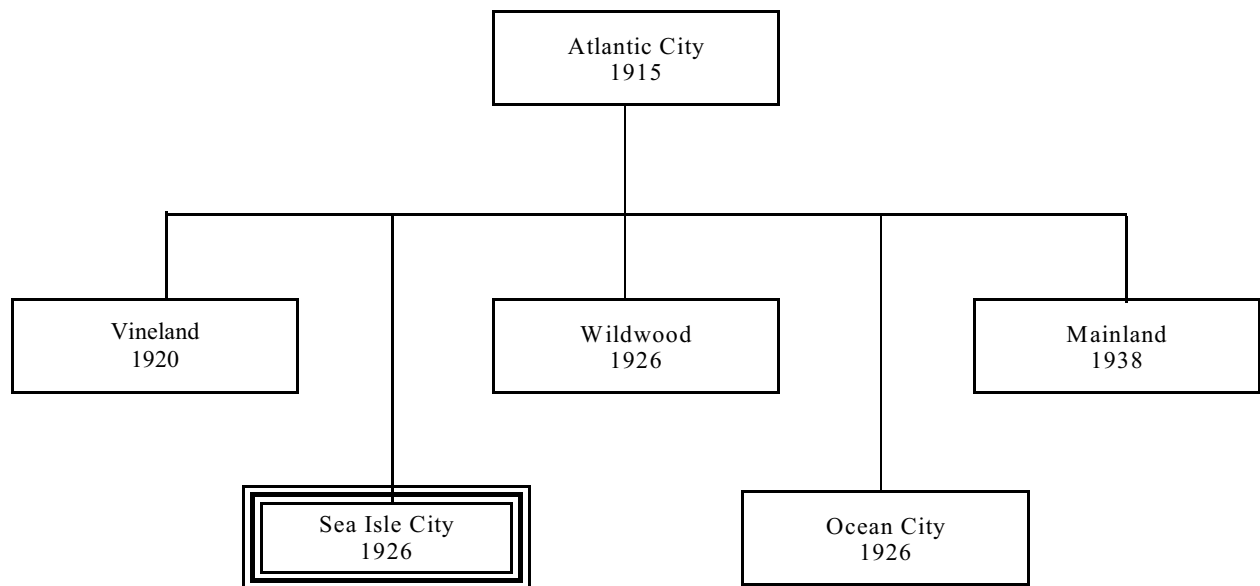


# Chapter 13

## Rotary Club of Sea Isle City, N.J.



Chartered	February 25, 1926	Charter No. - 2261	Meets :	Thursdays at 12:30 pm at
Sponsored By	Atlantic City			Deauville Inn
				Willard Bay Dr.,
				Strathmere, NJ 08248
				(609) 263-2080

### **Charter Members**

#### NAME OF MEMBER

Edward B. Arnett  
 Edward Buck  
 Theodore E. DeBow  
 Herman Diamond  
 Maurice S. Feldman  
 Irving Fitch  
 William A. Haffert  
 Charles K. Landis, Jr,  
 Hiram C. Love  
 Michael A. Luongo  
 Clarence S. Mazurie  
 George C. Neptune  
 George Soeder  
 Maurice M. Sofronev  
 Wayne Struthers  
 Earl M. Waddington  
 Clarence W. Way

The year 1926 was the most productive in the history of what is now District 764. In fact, six new clubs were chartered that year, most in a single year.

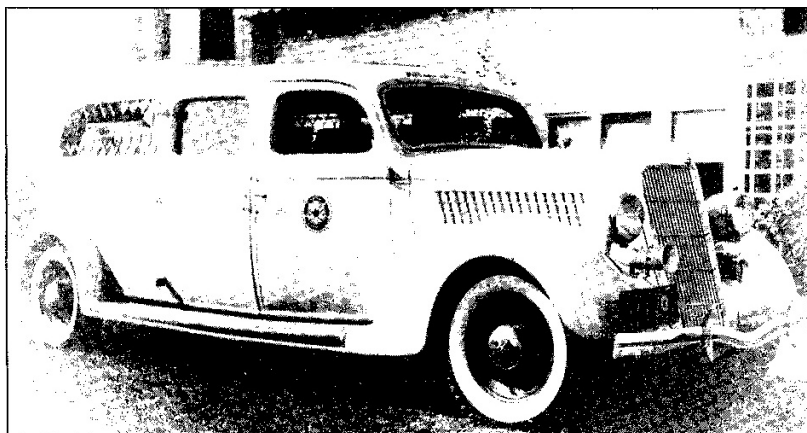
Chartered Feb. 25, 1926, Sea Isle City Rotary Club is the 13th oldest of the 64 clubs which currently comprise the district. And the club's tradition of serving its community is as old as its charter.

The Sea Isle City club is noted for many meaningful community activities and programs through the years, but perhaps is best known for purchasing its own ambulance which for many years was used to serve four communities including Sea Isle City.

The ambulance was purchased from Anthony Casuso in 1934 at a cost of \$1,800 after a nine-month fund drive, and was delivered on Oct. 26, 1935 and housed at the firehouse.

One old rate schedule shows that there was a charge of 25 cents a mile to and from the hospital. Gaetano B. Libro has been a member of the club for 44 years and has served as secretary for the last 31.

For more than 40 years, Sea Isle City Rotary has supported programs for the Boy Scouts of America including Boy Scout Troop 76.



But that's just one of numerous activities. Here, for "ample, is a list of just a few of the club's recent endeavors:

- The club was awarded a plaque representing the payment of \$20 from each member which boosted the unrestricted giving to the Rotary Foundation over the top.

- The club supports the Foster Children Fund.

- The club has made a contribution to the Rotary Tree of Life at Cooper Hospital/University Medical Center in

Camden.

- Sea Isle City Rotary sponsors Circus Day in the community each year.

- Club members are highly active at the district level and also are supportive of neighboring clubs at special events.

- The club was recognized by the American Red Cross during Big Band Night at the Deauville Inn in Strathmere.

- Members presented U.S. Bonds to Eagle Scouts during the Eagle Court of Honor. Also, local high school students were given bonds by Rotarians for their academic achievement.

A quote from Mayor Michael McHale underscores the spirit of Sea Isle City Rotary:

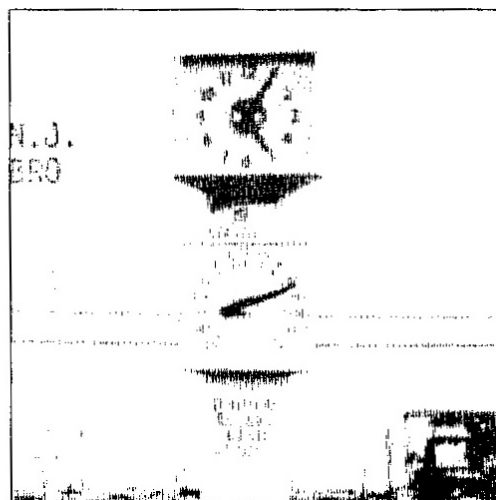
"The City is Sea Isle is very proud of our Rotary Club's commitment to our city, and when it comes to helping kids, this Rotary Club stands tall."

Friendship is really what the club is all about. Here's Sea Isle Rotary's "Welcome Song":

"You're welcome to our city,  
Where flowers Rotarial bloom,  
You're welcome to our castle,  
Where guns for service boom,  
You're welcome to our sanctum  
Where in Rotary's name we meet,  
You're welcome to our councils,  
You're welcome to a seat."



DG 89-90 Herb Budd (standing, far left) and PDG Herb Hecker (standing, far right) with members of the Sea Isle City Rotary Club. Seated are 4 members with 25 or more years of service. They are: Dave Blyler, Al Kohler, Dan Libro



Sea Isle Rotary three sided clock and temperature gauge at J. F. Kennedy Boulevard and Landis Ave. It was presented to the City of Sea Isle by the club, and Denny Buckwalter.



Fifteen Past Presidents of Sea Isle City Rotary at the Club's 42nd Anniversary Dinner in April of 1968. They are (seated, left to right) : Dr. Michael J. Provenzano, Adolph C. Wilsey, Ira Bushay, Ira P. Hess, and Arthur D. Laricks. Standing : then president John Arsenault, William A. Haffert, Jr., Joseph LaRosa, Horace J. Haffert, G.B. "Dan" Libro, Carl J. Lovejoy, Joseph W. Buecker, Jr., Robert L. Kroner, Stanley Kraft, Alfred J. Wagner, and Harold S. Simpson.