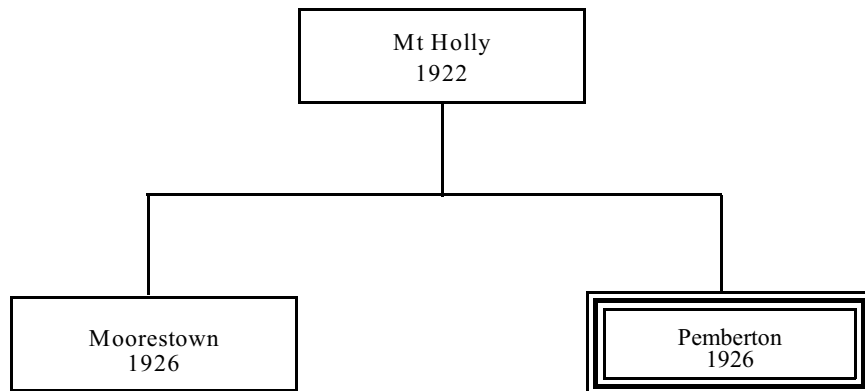


# Chapter 15

## Rotary Club of Pemberton, N.J.



## 75th Anniversary History of District 764

Pemberton, NJ

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Chartered	November 26, 1926	Meets :	Mondays at 6:15 pm at
Sponsored By	Mt. Holly		Fenwick Hall
Clubs Sponsored	Wrightstown Area		Elizabeth St.,
			Pemberton, NJ 08068
			(609) 894-8001

### Charter Members

OFFICE	NAME OF MEMBER
President	Norman Stockett, Sr.
Vice President	Robert W. Cox
Secretary	Nelson B. Morton
Treasurer	Jonathan Kelsey
	Theodore H. Budd
	Franklin S. Chambers
	Stanley Coville
	Augustus B. Grobler
	John C. Hamilton
	William H. Heisler
	Allen Hippinsteel
	Isaac H. Hutchinson
	Joseph Jones
	Floyd B. Kempte
	Marcus W. Newcomb
	Harry Pittenger
	B. Ney Ridgway
	Henry R. Walton

## **Family Rotary Tradition Helps Highlight Pemberton Story**

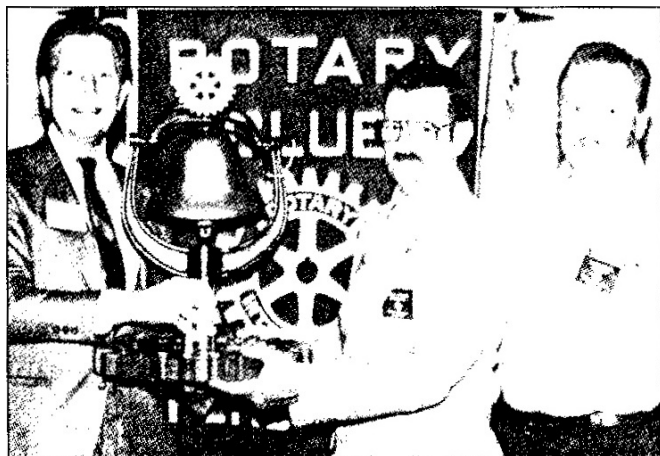
The Pemberton Rotary Club was chartered 64 years ago, but a look at today's club roster proves that "Ideal of Service" is not just an organizational philosophy. As the sons and grandsons, and, more recently, the daughters, of long-time Rotarians join the local club, it becomes clear that those ideals carried into family tradition as well.

A look back at the beginnings of Pemberton Rotary reveals many similarities to present-day activities. The club's founders met with Morris K. Perinchief to first broach the subject of a club. Perinchief, a Mount Holly funeral director, offered his club's support and sponsorship.

The first meetings were held in the Lone Oak Tea Room, a restaurant which still stands today and is known as Pemberton's Country House. The Perinchief family involvement in Rotary is kept alive by David Perinchief, Morris' grandson, an active member in the Mount Holly club.

When chartered Nov. 26, 1926, Pemberton Rotary had 18 charter members. The first president was Norman Stockett, Sr., an Episcopal minister. The secretary was Nelson B. Morton, a meat cutter in a local market. Vice president Robert Cox was superintendent of Evergreen Park for the Mentally Insane, and treasurer Jonathan Kelsey was an insurance salesman.

As it does today, the first club roster represented a cross-section of trades. Chartered to cover Pemberton and its "trade territory," the club was home to dairy farmers, lawyers, store owners, doctors, feed and grain dealers, and blueberry developers. One of the club fathers, Stanley Coville, is known nationwide for his work in blueberry development. The Coville berry is named in his honor.



PDG 88-89 Art Gilbert (left) was presented with a Rotary bell on a hand carved base depicting the Rotary wheel during his tenure in office. It was presented to him by Pemberton members Bob Toleman and then Vice President Dave Thompson.

Pemberton Rotary's membership rosters has included the titles of mayor, freeholder, and state assemblyman. Though times were lean in the '40s and '50s, membership was high. During that era four members - Atty Collins, Carlton Thomas, Stanley Coville, and Bill Yerkes - compiled over 100 years of perfect attendance among them. Yerkes recently was honored by fellow Rotarians for having completed 37 years of perfect attendance.

The Pemberton Rotary Club once claimed front page coverage in the Times-Advertiser each week. Publisher Jack -Armshire, a club member, usually highlighted the speaker on the front page. And for many years he wrote a column called "Cackles From the Starling," which was often gossip overheard at club meetings.

Today the club continues to warrant local coverage through its many activities. Events such as weekly turkey shoots to benefit Deborah Heart and Lung

Center, the annual auction and scholarship dinner, an extremely active and visible Interact Club at Pemberton Township High School, and recognition of outstanding citizens and business persons on a consistent basis all help to keep Rotary alive and in the forefront.

From its inception as a member club in District 50 led by District Governor Puff, Pemberton Rotary has remained a service organization. In its early years, the group directed its efforts to helping community members through years of war and depression.

While time and history have changed all of that, local Rotarians are ever mindful of the less fortunate in our communities. Hardly an inch of floor space may be found during the annual Thanksgiving basket drive, which provides staples and holiday trimmings to the area's needy.

This sort of continuity in the club is not without its share of problems, however. A visitor who refers to member Howard Emmons will soon be asked to clarify whether it is the board of education president, his son the dairy farmer, or his grandson, the current active member, of which he speaks. All three have helped to foster the "Ideal of Service" not only in their occupations, but also in the family tradition which binds members of the Pemberton Rotary Club as it embarks on yet another decade of service.

### Presidents

1926-28	Norman Stockett, Sr.	1958-59	William L. Yerkes
1928-29	Robert W. Cox	1959-60	C. Foster Manning, Jr.
1929-30	Jonathan H. Kelsey	1960-61	Russell F. McLaughlin
1930-31	Charles S. Beckwith	1961-62	William McDaniel
1931-32	Stanley Coville	1962-63	Thomas B. Horner
1932-33	F. B. Kempte	1963-65	Harry Jones
1933-34	William Vaughan	1965-66	Norman J. Thompson, Jr.
1934-35	Harry Hutchinson	1966-67	James L. Manio
1935-36	Theodore H. Budd	1967-68	Paul F. Collins
1936-37	William Heisler	1968-69	Walter Kendrick
1937-38	Franklin S. Chambers	1969-70	Robert A. Duffy
1938-39	Lyman A. Horner	1970-71	Daniel S. Thompson
1939-40	Nelson B. Morton	1971-72	Stacy B. Stockton
1940-41	Carlton Thomas	1972-73	Paul Tuliano
1941-42	Anthony A. Collins	1973-74	George Ward, III
1942-43	Isaiah Haines	1974-75	Arthur R. Gilbert, PDG
1943-44	Horace P. Clark	1975-76	Russell P. Hann
1944-45	Walter H. Stull	1976-77	Dominick DiNunzio
1945-46	Eric Groezinger	1977-78	Cy Evans
1946-47	William A. Jarvis	1978-79	Douglas Melegari
1947-48	Fred Ryder	1979-80	Ralph Wilen
1948-49	Richard J. Lippincott	1980-81	Gregory Dix
1949-50	Fred Norcross	1981-82	Jerry Jerome
1950-51	William Bray	1982-83	C. Thomas Bauer
1951-52	Leonard Jarvis, Jr.	1983-84	Charles A. Jones, Jr.
1952-53	Jack D. Armshire	1984-85	Carrot Pickens
1953-54	William H. Hawkinson	1985-86	Jack Miller
1954-55	Earl D. Emmons	1986-87	Howard Emmons, Jr.
1955-56	Harry Fisler	1987-88	Stacy A. Stockton
1956-57	Elmer Haines	1988-89	Mark Cowell
1957-58	Donald Andrews	1989-90	Perry Doyle