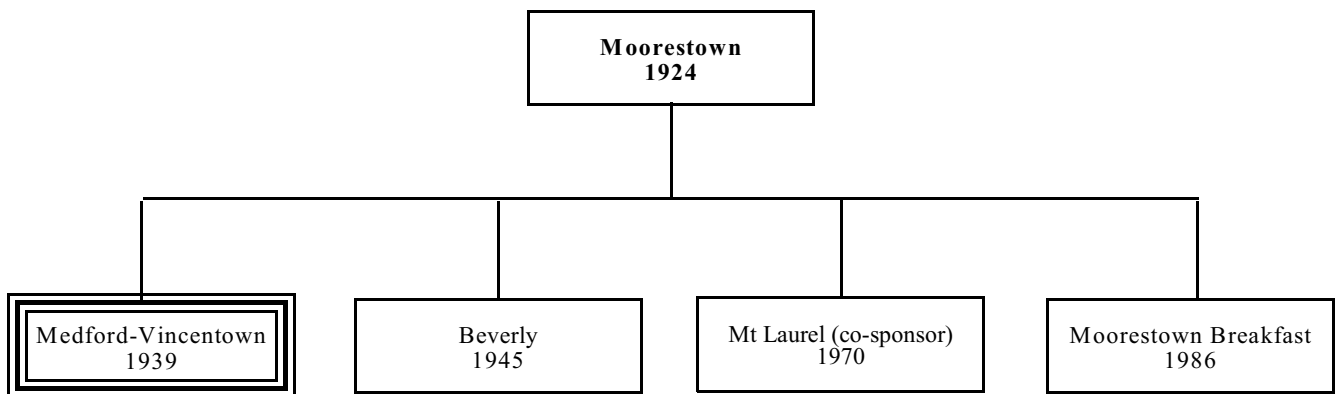


Chapter 24

Rotary Club of Medford-Vincentown, N.J.



75th Anniversary History of District 764

Medford-Vincentown, NJ

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Organized	April 26, 1939	Meets : Tuesdays at 6:30 prn at
Chartered	June 9, 1939 Charter No. - 5066	Indian Chief Restaurant,
Sponsored By	Moorestown	Medford Circle & Rt. 70,
Clubs Sponsored	Bordentown,	Medford, NJ 08055
	Marlton	(609) 654-5776

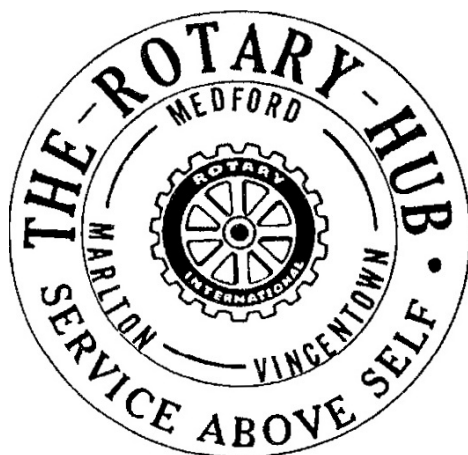
Charter Members

OFFICE	NAME OF MEMBER	CLASSIFICATION
President	Everett H. Haines	Lumber
Vice President	Horace C. Wills	Banking - Commercial
Secretary	Howard S. Frazer	Religion
Treasurer	Ralph H. Derr	Banking - General
Director	Thomas Bethel	Book Manufacturing
Director	J. Arthur Siepke	Agriculture - Potatoes
Director	Howard E. Wills	Electrical Contractor
	Barclay H. Allen	Agriculture-Dairy
	R. Winfield Betts	Medicine - Surgery
	Job Braddock	Real Estate
	J. Stanley Braddock, Sr.	C.P.A.
	Leason E. Brown	Merchant - Clothing
	Elmer Carigan	Grocer - Retail
	E. Vernon Davis	Medicine - Orthopedics
	Maurice N. Haines	Agriculture Machinery
	Bernard S. Haines	Municipal Water
	William X. Huber	Building - Construction
	Edwin M. Johnson	Meat - Retail
	H. Donald Kidder	Meat - Wholesale
	John J. McGarrity	Hotel Management
	J. Chester Millet'	Insurance - Life
	Ralph C. Mingin	Auto - Retail
	Emmor Roberts, PDG	Agriculture - Apples
	S. Robert Stiles	Chemist - Research
	Arthur H. Tidswelt	Printer
	Ephraim Tomlinson, II	Law - General

Medford-Vincentown Has Given the District 3 Governors

The Medford-Vincentown Rotary Club, one of the busiest in District 764, celebrated its 50th anniversary during 1989-90 with a flurry of activities. The club's proud history includes producing three district governors, five charter members still on the rolls after 45 years, 31 Paul Harris Fellows at the conclusion of 1983, and 5,900 percent Rotary Foundation participation.

On April 26, 1939, about 40 men attended the inaugural meeting of the Marlton-Medford-Vincentown Rotary Club including District Governor Thomas V. Wingate and President Royston Engle of the sponsoring Moorestown Club.



The logo from the first Marlton-Medford-Vincentown club bulletin 'The Rotary Hub' from February 18, 1941, co-edited by Walter Wolfkiel and Arthur Tidswell

At a follow-up meeting May 10, Everett H. Haines was elected charter president and dues were fixed at \$1, of which 75 cents was designated for meals at Bakely's Lunch Room. Then, on June 27, charter night was held at the Log Cabin Lodge in Medford Lakes with 207 in attendance including representatives of 19 other Rotaries.

The new club's first project was sponsorship of a Boy Scout troop in Medford, but that was just part of a long list of community activity. During its first year, Medford Rotarians held a Christmas party for 85 school children and took part in a variety show to benefit school lunch rooms. They wore women's bathing suits, union suits, and "other outlandish costumes."

Other highlights of the club's 50 Rotary years:

1942-43: The club donated funds to help send boys to the YMCA camp. Christmas gift packages were mailed to Rotarians serving with the Armed Forces, and cigarettes were collected for other servicemen. The club was stunned in February with its second president, Horace Wills, died of a heart attack. Honorary member Bert Geary told of his experiences at Pearl Harbor during the Dec. 7 attack by the Japanese.

1943-44: Club projects included helping the U.S.O. at Fort Dix. First mention of Rotary Foundation was made in the Nov. 2, 1943 minutes. The board voted to donate a \$25 War Bond.

1944-45: There were 27 active and six honorary Rotarians on the roll and \$140.58 was in the bank. But the club made a strong membership push, and by February 1945 there were 38 active. One project was the showing of Christmas movies to more than 800 students in area schools. Emmor Roberts became the first district governor from the club

1946-47: Medford Rotarians supported the community's "Welcome Home" celebration for returning veterans with a \$50 donation and float entry in the parade.

1947-48: The club participated for the first time in Medford Halloween Parade, which through the years became its premier community service project.

1951-52: A second generation president, J. Edward Haines, was installed. His father, Past President Maurice Haines, officiated. Average attendance for the year was 95 percent.

1952-53: Medford became the first club in the district to become a 200 percent Rotary Foundation club. The club started its Junior Rotarian program.

1953-54: President Harry Sutton brought up the subject of a "swimming hole" in Medford, a swimming hole which today is Medford Park. The Rotary immersed itself in the project after member Ephraim Tomlinson donated a large tract of land.

1959-60: The club initiated a gold medal award to a member of the graduating class at the new Lenape Regional High School. Coles Roberts chaired an exciting new club project, the adoption of an orphan at S.O.S. Children's Village in Austria.

1960-61: Medford began hosting an ambassador through the Experiment in International Living. The first was Karl Meier of Switzerland.

1963-64: The club held a memorial service for popular member Richard L. Klotz, who died in an automobile accident. The club then became a 600 percent Rotary Foundation club. The Foundation was one of

Dick's pet projects.

1964-65: The Student Loan Fund was started.

1966-67: Medford Rotarians held their first Rotary Country Auction to raise funds for youth work. It was netted a whooping 82,800.

1968-69: J. Stanley Braddock, grandson of a charter member, became club president. PDG Emmor Roberts, a charter member immensely popular with his fellow Rotarians, passed away.

1970-71: The club started its financial support of Post House, a drug treatment center in Mt. Holly.

1971-72: Medford Rotarians were proud to support Stanley (Lee) Braddock as Governor of District 764. His motto for the year was, "Have the Courage to Fail."

1974-75: The club entertained three teenagers through the youth exchange: Hans Haug and Claudia Schott of Germany and Kimberly Smith of Medford, Oregon.

1975-76: Rotarians helped place 12 concrete and wood park benches around town and upgrade 15 Rotary signs. The club hit the 2,000 percent milestone in Rotary Foundation.

1976-77: Co-sponsorship of the first Community Blood Bank was a great success with both drives exceeding their quotas.

1977-78: The Twin Towns Cog, edited by Rick Small and Tom Sandman, won the Best Bulletin Award from District 764.

1979-80: Projects for the year included support of the Medford Soccer Club; the Sally Stretch Library in Vincentown; the Miss Teenage Pageant; scholarships to three high schools; and the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

1980-81: Five became Paul Harris Fellows and membership climbed to 72.

1982-83: The club solicited toys to be sent to Lebanon and approved the delivery cost of \$200.

1983-84: Don Yeager became the third member of his club to be installed as district governor, and was greeted by a 60-piece kazoo band at his installation. His theme was, "Challenge the Future With Faith." The club hosted the district conference at Baltimore Harbor.

1984-85: The club began its year with its R.E.A.D.Y. program, a four-week activity for home-bound handicapped children.

1985-86: Club membership declined by 15 during the year, but the club maintained its proud record of ambitious programs and projects: The Links Group from Lenape, district raffle, diabetic camp, scholarships at the high schools, presidential classroom, and donations to the Tomlinson Pack Fund and the Santo Domingo orphanage fund.

1986-87: Mike Selvagn's carpenters built a wheelchair ramp with lumber supplied by the club for Melissa Wheeler, a Vincentown youngster who has spina bifida. The club bulletin was picked as No. 1 in the district.

1987-88: An Interact Club was chartered at the Medford Division of Ossi Tech. The club had 14 separate projects during the year including the sponsorship of 55 tickets to the Phillies for the handicapped.

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1988-89-. A highly successful year was capped by a festive Golden Anniversary dinner at the Cherry Hill Inn on June 9.

Presidents

1939-40	Everett H. Haines	1964-65	Gene L. Adams
1940-41	Horace C. Wills	1965-66	Richard L. O'Neal
1941-42	William X. Huber	1966-67	Albert M. Allen
1942-43	Howard E. Wills	1967-68	Robert J. Seaman
1943-44	Emmor Roberts, PDG	1968-69	J. Stanley Braddock, Jr, PDG
1944-45	Thomas Bethel	1969-70	Davis H. Forsythe
1945-46	Ephraim Tomlinson, II	1970-71	Edward N. Hoyt
1946-47	Harry T. Allen	1971-72	William R. Henry
1947-48	Maurice W. Haines	1972-73	Richard C. Strong
1948-49	David C. Griscom	1973-74	Ernest E. Bareuther, Jr.
1949-50	John S. Charles	1974-75	Robert Atkinson
1950-51	R. Winfield Betts	1975-76	William Suschenko, Jr.
1951-52	J. Edward Haines	1976-77	Donald J. Yeager, PDG
1952-53	H. Donald Kidder	1977-78	Jack Winner
1953-54	Harry A. Sutton	1978-79	Sam Graziano
1954-55	James M. Brown	1979-80	Cliff Taylor
1955-56	S. Coles Roberts	1980-81	Hal Faust
1956-57	Ernest B. Phillips	1981-82	Rick Small
1957-58	Reece E. Haines	1982-83	Bucky Jones
1958-59	Richard L. Klotz	1983-84	Bob Homan
1959-60	Albert D. Stiles	1984-85	Tom Sandman
1960-61	J. Stanley Braddock	1985-86	Bob Healy
1961-62	William H. Douglas	1986-87	Warren Ring
1962-63	Harold W. Winner	1988-89	Tom Easley
1963-64	William E. Johnson	1989-90	Gordon Ward