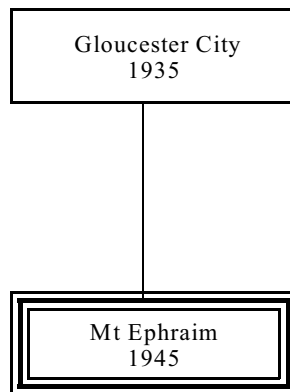


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Rotary Club of Mt Ephraim, N.J.



75th Anniversary History of District 764

Mt Ephraim, NJ

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| Organized | May 18, 1921 | Meets : | Thursdays at 12:10 pin at |
| Chartered | September 1, 1921 | Charter No. - 981 | Cohanzick Country Club |
| Sponsored By | Vineland | | Fairton Rd., |
| Clubs Sponsored | Salem | | Bridgeton, NJ 08302 (609) 455-2122 |

Charter Members

| OFFICE | NAME OF MEMBER | CLASSIFICATION |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| President | Albert Mahaffey | Funeral Director |
| Vice President | Ned Canal | Realtor |
| Secretary | Herbert Phillips | Newspaper Reporter |
| Treasurer | Harry Maul | Auto Repair Garage |
| Director | Alison Carmen | Shoe Repair |
| Director | Raymond D. Kershaw | Heating |
| Director | John Knedeison | Insurance |
| Director | Harry Norton | Gift Shop |
| | William Allchin | House Painter |
| | Roger Allen | Lumber Yard |
| | Louis Arangio | Paper Hanger |
| | John Canal | Dentist |
| | Harry DeAngelo | Builder |
| | Wilbur Ganary | Machine Shop |
| | Albert Heale | Lawyer |
| | James Kershaw | Hardware |
| | Eugene Latta | Druggist |
| | William Melvin | Restaurant |
| | Joseph Neale | Gas Station |
| | Frank Shillig | Alcohol Retail |
| | Alex Stankus | Roofing |

Mt. Ephraim Displays Versatility in Service to its Community

The first meeting of the Mt. Ephraim Provisional Rotary Club was held May 23, 1945, and was attended by Leon Clair, president of the sponsoring Gloucester City club, and 21 interested Mt. Ephraim businessmen.

Three more exploratory meetings were held prior to the Mt. Ephraim charter night, which was held June 20 with District Governor Emmor Roberts of Vincentown in attendance and entertainment provided by the famed Salem Rotary Club Quartet.

Installed as charter Mt. Ephraim officers were Albert Mahaffey, a funeral director, as president; Ned Canal, a reactor, as vice president; Herbert Phillips, a newspaper reporter, as secretary; and Harry Maul, who operated an automobile repair garage, as treasurer. Charter directors were Raymond D. Kershaw, Alison Carmen, John Knedeison, and Harry Norton, who were among 21 charter members.

Mt. Ephraim's first endeavor as a club was to attend the charter night of the Audubon-Haddon Township-Oaklyn Rotary just seven days after its only charter celebration.

Two Mt. Ephraim Rotarians, Evan Kershaw and James O'Brien, served two terms each as president of their clubs. And another past president, the highly active Fred P. Riegel, served with distinction as District 764 governor in .1965-66. Under Riegel's guidance, Mt. Ephraim started a district bowling league which flourished for about 10 years.

Mt. Ephraim sponsored two other District 764 Rotaries. - Blackwood and Westville.

Approaching its 50th anniversary in 1995, Mt. Ephraim Rotary has maintained a proud history of involvement with its community. Just a few of its activities have included:

Entering a float in the Fourth of July Parade; participation in the Miss Mt. Ephraim Contest, when a Miss Rotary is selected; a Halloween mystery ride for children; a cash donation to the town ambulance fund as well as donations to the two fire companies; purchase of bad weather gear for adult crossing guards; purchase of a complete set of World Book Encyclopedia and Scientific Reference Books for the library; and purchase of wheelchairs, walkers and a patterning machine for the community's sick and disabled.

The club's largest and most challenging project was to supply, install and then maintain a fully equipped playground featuring stainless steel equipment.

Each year, Mt. Ephraim Rotary sponsors both a Little League baseball team and a girls' softball team. It also presents gifts to graduates of the local public and Catholic schools.

Other club activities have included hosting visiting Rotary clubs and conducting joint meetings; participation in the RYLA program; an open invitation to local business leaders to join the Rotarians, for dinner; an active speakers' program; and participation in the tri-community scholarship fund.

Mt. Ephraim Rotary has selected a Citizen of the Year for 18 consecutive years and honors the recipient at a dinner-dance. Revenue from the dinner-dance advertising and program book has been one of the club's primary fundraiser through the years.

Additionally, the club has sponsored casino trips, raffles, nights at the races, suit clubs, and a 50-50 drawing at each meeting.



Mt. Ephraim Rotarians pose for a group shot in 1968.

Presidents

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|---------|-------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| 1945-46 | Al Mahaffey | 1968-69 | Charles Campbell |
| 1946-47 | Ned Canal | 1.969-70 | Michael Caronia |
| 1947-48 | Roger Allen | 1970-71 | Bob Archer |
| 1948-49 | Raymond D. Kershaw | 1971-72 | Bernard Sebastian |
| 1949-50 | Albert Heale | 1972-73 | Harry Norton |
| 1950-51 | Herb Phillips | 1973-74 | Edward Earnest |
| 1951-52 | Joe Neale | 1974-75 | Paul Maxwell |
| 1952-53 | Harry DeAngelo | 1.975-76 | Jack Cain |
| 1953-54 | John Knedeison | 1976-77 | George Hughes |
| 1954-55 | Wally Murray | 1977-78 | John Castellano |
| 1955-56 | Melvin Hurff | 1978-79 | Daniel Mann |
| 1956-57 | William Samuel | 1979-80 | Salvatore Conte |
| 1957-58 | Fred Riegel, PDG | 1980-81 | C. E. Daily |
| 1958-59 | Harry Evans | 1981-82 | Harry Hartman |
| 1959-60 | Sylvester Bretschneider | 1.982-83 | Albert Kershaw |
| 1960-61 | William Rickert | 1983-84 | Steven Iwasko |
| 1961-62 | James O'Brien | 1.984-85 | Joseph Barbato |
| 1962-63 | Wilson Bessey | 1985-86 | Frank Frankowski |
| 1963-64 | Evan Kershaw | 1986-87 | Asvin Patel |
| 1964-65 | William Vanderwerff | 1.987-88 | Evan Kershaw |
| 1965-66 | Conrad Rahme | 1.988-89 | Edward Earnest |
| 1966-67 | William Muller | 1989-90 | James O'Brien |
| 1967-68 | George Beetle | | |