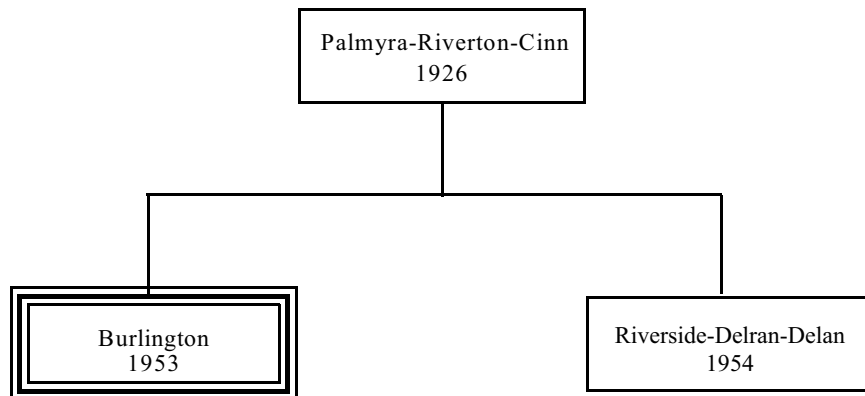


# Chapter 35

## Rotary Club of Burlington, N.J.



Organized	September 23, 1952	Meets :	Thursdays at 12:15 pm at
Chartered	January 20, 1953		St. Mary's Guild House,
Sponsored By	Palmyra-Riverton-Cinnaminson		W. Broad St.,
			Burlington NJ 08016
			(609) 386-0902

**Charter Members**

OFFICE	NAME OF MEMBER	CLASSIFICATION
President	John E. Queenan, Jr.	General Law Practice
Vice President	W. Henry Yutz	Life Insurance
Secretary	William F. Goldy	Electrical Equipment
Treasurer	George O. Taylor	Banking
Director	Henry H. Bisbee	Optometry
Director	Felix A. Buskey	Rubber Goods Mfg.
Director	I. Snowden Haines	Real Estate Agency
Director	Leon C. Irvin	Plumbing
	Theodore R, Clair	Drugs, Retail
	Joseph E. Fidanza	Dentistry
	Stanley G. Keefer	Raw Gums Mfg.
	Daniel H. McCollister	Motor Freight Trans.
	J. Harris Neville	Lumber, Retail
	Harry E. Newton	Civil Engineering
	Charles J. Price	Wall Paper Distributor
	Domenico Provenzani	Physician and Surgeon
	Ernest A. Pullen	Cast Iron Pipe, Mfg.
	J. Edward Richards	Automobiles, Retail
	William Scattergood	Poultry Raising
	Paul Schneider	Stone Quarrying
	Leroy Thomas	Electric Light Power
	Henry Tornell	Air Transportation
	Andrew Torre	Portrait Photography

## Burlington Has Top Record of District, International Support

The first pre-charter meeting of the Burlington Rotary Club was held Sept. 23, 1952 at William F. Gordy's electrical supply store on High St.

Charter night was Feb. 23, 1953 at the Elks Home in Burlington, and it was a gala and well-attended celebration. James B. Ryan of the sponsoring Palmyra-Riverton Rotary served as toastmaster and District 272 Governor Robert G. Adams of the same club presented the charter before a crowd of 228 Rotarians and friends representing 21 Rotaries as well as other Burlington-area service organizations.

Burlington had 24 charter members. Elected as charter officers were John E. Queenan, Jr., president; W. Henry Yutz, vice president; Goldy, secretary; and George G. Taylor, treasurer, Taylor collected annual dues of \$12.50. Remember, this was 1953.

Among the charter night attendees and speakers was Halsey B. Knapp, a member of the Farmingdale, L.I. Rotary who served as director of Zone 5 and also was a member of the Rotary International board of directors.

Club minutes indicate, that Halsey traveled by train from New York on the Nellie Bly, which for years made a famous run to Atlantic City until it was discontinued,

Burlington Rotary quickly doubled its original membership, and, through the years, has fluctuated between 40 and 46 members. As recently as 1981, the club had six active charter members, one strong indication of Burlington's long-standing record of community commitment.

The original fund-raising venture for Burlington Rotary was its International Ball, one of the county's top social events. Funds generated from the annual event, held for years in cooperation with the Burlington High School Student Council in the junior high, have been designated for support of the Foreign Exchange Student. The event enables the club to bring a foreign student to Burlington for a year while also sending a local student to a foreign country for a year.

The International Ball was an extraordinary way of promoting international

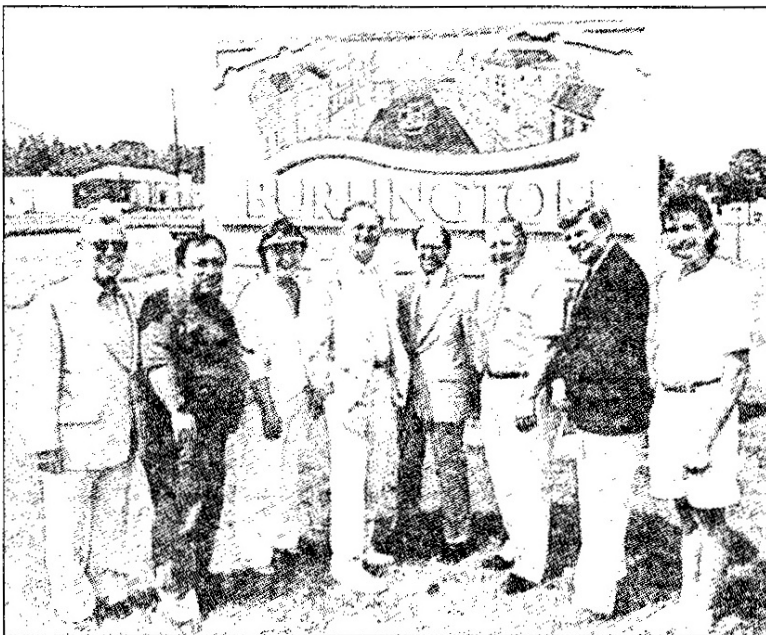
goodwill, one of the powerful precepts of Rotary. In 1967, for example, Burlington Rotary hosted two foreign exchange students from Chile and one each from Germany and Mexico while also honoring 18 other foreign guest/diplomats and their wives at the 11th ball. The theme: "It's a small world."

As an offshoot from the highly successful international ball events, Burlington Rotarians acted as guides on a conducted tour of Olde Burlington during "Get Acquainted Day" in 1959. Burlington, the provincial capitol of West Jersey, opened its historic 17th and 18th Century houses and other landmarks to the public. Proceeds benefitted restoration of the city's famed Revel House, which, history reports, was the home where Benjamin Franklin bought gingerbread from a kindly old lady while he passed through Burlington en route to Philadelphia.

Burlington Rotary for many years has been highly active in its support of a boys camp for underprivileged children. Several club fund-raisers secured the funds to build a large cabin on the camp site.

Among the primary current club projects is an art auction. Money generated from this event is distributed among generated among hospitals in the Burlington County area.

The Burlington Rotary Club historically has enjoyed a close relationship with the Bridlington Rotary in



The Burlington Rotary Club presented the city of Burlington an historical sign. Left to right are: Ed Richards, Rotarian; Nicholas Kamaras, Burlington City Historian; Rhett Pernet, Burlington Co. Historical Society; Herman Costello, mayor of Burlington City; Lou Colaguori, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Skip Johnson, Rotarian; Clyde Lumadue, Rotarian; and Paul Musgrove, sign designer.

England. Burlington Rotarians have visited the Bridlington club, and several from the British club have returned the favor. Burlington City, history indicates, was named after Bridlington.

Robert G. Ekelburg, Sr., formerly a Burlington Rotarian and currently a member of the Beverly Club, served as District 764 governor in 1979-80.

### Presidents

1953-54	John E. Queenan, Jr.	1972-73	Joseph A. Montalto
1954-55	W. Henry Yutz	1973-74	C. William Wolfe
1955-56	Henry H. Bisbee	1974-75	James Murphy
1956-57	I. Snowden Haines	1975-76	Robert G Ekelburg, Sr, PDG
1957-58	Felix Buskey	1976-77	Edward B. Driscoll
1958-59	George G. Taylor	1977-78	Jack Jurechko
1959-60	Dan McCollister	1978-79	Norman Camarda
1960-61	Charles E. Minemier	1979-80	Clyde Lumadue
1961-62	Arthur Sanders	1980-81	Robert S. Haines
1962-63	Robert F. Dotti	1981-82	Walter E. Haworth
1963-64	J. Edward Richards	1982-83	Robert Ghaul
1964-65	Andrew J. Torre	1983-84	James Greene
1965-66	Joseph Fianza	1984-85	Ronald Neugold
1966-67	William Scattergood	1985-86	Gary Coning
1967-68	Clement Haas	1986-87	Joseph P. Montalto
1968-69	Thomas R. Cook, Jr.	1987-88	Jack DeHaven
1969-70	Kenneth Phillips	1988-89	Walter Corter
1970-71	Charles Wright	1989-90	Michael Bisceglie
1971-72	Robert D. Richards		