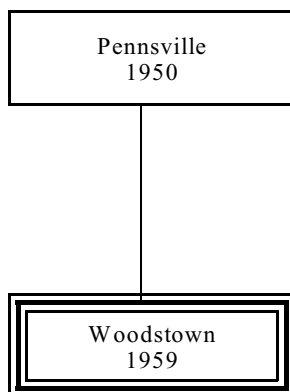


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Rotary Club of Woodstown, N.J.



75th Anniversary History of District 764

Woodstown, NJ

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Chartered	October 1, 1959	Meets : Thursdays at 12:10 pm at
Sponsored By	Pennsville	Woodstown Diner,
		16 East Ave.,
		Woodstown, NJ 08098
		(609) 769-1140

Charter Members

OFFICE	NAME OF MEMBER	
President	Donald R. Killian	Astor T. Kress
	Samuel Allen	Hubert T. Layton
	Arthur Ayars	Harry Pierson
	John Borton	Horace B. Preble
	Edward F. Doerrman	Arthur L. Roberts
	James M. Edwards	Norman T. Robinson, Jr.
	Raymond Giles	William Roper
	Claude H. Haley	Eli Spinosi
	Edgar W. Holton	Kenneth Waddell
	L. Colson Iredell	Frederick D. West
	Paul G. Johnson	Jacob Wordsworth

Presidents

1959-61	Donald R. Killian	1975-76	Joseph Hart
1-961-62	Arthur Ayars	1976-77	Fred West
1.962-63	William Roper	1977-78	Roy Powers
1963-64	Edgar W. Holton	1978-79	Jay Nixon
1964-65	James M. Edwards	1979-80	Harold A. Peterson
1965-66	Norman T. Robinson, Jr.	1980-81	Thomas Haaf
1966-67	Hubert T. Layton	1981-82	Russell Shipman
1967-68	Earle L. Walker	1982-83	Jay Gonzalez
1968-69	Marlin A. Brace	1983-84	Pat DiEdoardo
1969-70	L. Colson Iredell	1984-85	Michael Strozyk
1970-71	Charles Robbins	1985-86	Benjamin F. Hinkle, Jr.
1971-72	John P. Hackett	1986-87	Jan R. Edwards
1972-73	Robert C. Layton	1987-88	Ronald Udy
1973-74	Freeman D. Loveland	1988-89	Charles J. Jansky
1974-75	Gilbert A. Gaissert	1989-90	Peter DeWilde

Little League Field One of Woodstown's Top Endeavors

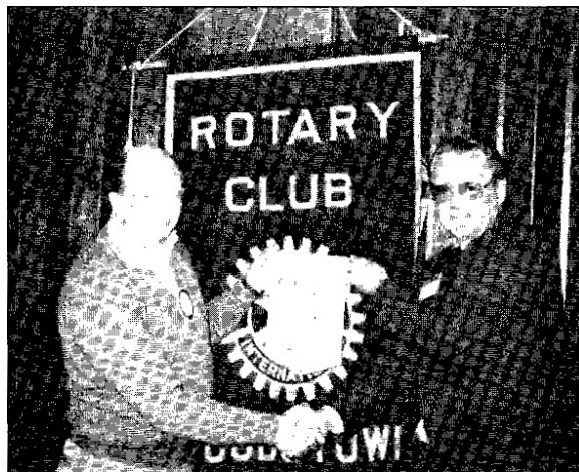
During the 1950's, the Fellowship Social Club of Woodstown considered itself a "Rotary Club" in its philosophies and in its willingness to assist the community in a variety of meaningful projects, but resisted attempts to become chartered and recognized by Rotary International.

Through the persistence of Si Sendrow of the neighboring Pennsville Rotary and Rev. Donald Killian, however, 22 men became charter members of Woodstown Rotary when it was granted its charter on Nov. 2, 1959. Of the 22, six remain active members: James M. Edwards, Edgar W. Holton, Hubert T. Layton, William Roper, Eli Spinosi, and L. Colson Iredell.

More than 300 attended the charter night festivities at the Elmer Grange Hall. Among those in the audience was J. Reynolds Pratt, district governor at a time when the state of Delaware was still part of District 764,

In the early years, Woodstown Rotary conducted its luncheon meetings at the Caldwell House.

There were some early frustrations among club members because it was almost impossible to get any of their news printed in the local weekly newspaper. The editor would tell the Rotarians lie would publish the news, but he never would. Only a caustic club member would have suggested it was because the editor was a strong and active member of the Kiwanis Club, of course.



Woodstown 89-90 Club President Pete DeWilde (left) is presented with a District Governor's Banner from DG 89-90 Herb Budd.

Woodstown Rotary, which celebrated its 30th anniversary during 1989, has had a strong history of promoting a series of fund-raising events to assist the community.

Just a few of the projects have included spaghetti dinners, pancake and sausage breakfasts, donkey baseball games, holly tree sales, circuses, turkey dinners, suit clubs, and a memorable special night with Pitman resident Marvin Creamer, who became the first to sail around the world without the use of navigational instruments. Tickets were sold to hear the retired Glassboro State College professor.

Woodstown Rotary, which has a current active roster of 42, contributes annually to RYLA, home bound care, the 4-H Fair, the Marlton Road Recreation Center, and the Children's Hospital at Cooper Medical Center. The club has been active in the foreign student exchange program. It recently sent local student April Munyon to China.

In its contributions to PolioPlus, enthusiastic Woodstown Rotarians have ranked as high as No. 2 in District 764.

Among its other endeavors, Woodstown Rotary sponsors two Little League baseball teams and makes annual contributions to a wide range of local activities.

The club celebrated its 10th anniversary with a ladies' night at the Centerton Golf Club. And its gala 25th anniversary affair was held at the Hotel DuPont in Wilmington.

It's a pretty impressive history for a Rotary Club which was reluctant to give up its original identity.