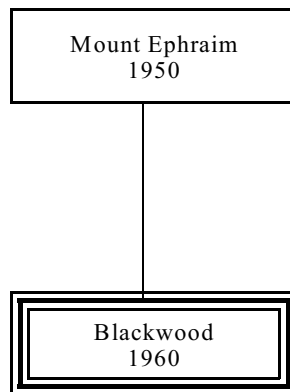


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Rotary Club of Blackwood, N.J.



75th Anniversary History of District 764

Blackwood, NJ

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Organized	October 1, 1959	Meets : Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at
Chartered	March 1, 1960	Chatterly's Restaurant
Sponsored By	Mt. Ephraim	1393 Little Gloucester Rd.
Clubs Sponsored	Pine Hill-Clementon-Erial, Washington Township, Winslow Township	Clementon, NJ 08021 (609) 627-0062

Presidents

1960-Mar 61.	Louis C. Joyce, III
Apr-Jun 1961	Mike Stevens
1961-62	James W. Lilley, Jr.
1962-63	Bernard M. Blaum
1963-64	Gabriel H. Mendelman
1964-65	Edwin H. Janka
1965-66	Albert J. Mullen
1966-67	W. Luther Ott
1967-68	Thomas McColl, Jr.
1968-69	Thomas W_ Roberts
1969-70	Alexander Walker
1970-71	John Stranieri
1971-72	Ralph Martinis, Sr.
1972-73	Robert W. Dougherty
1973-74	George T. McCosker
1974-75	Roger Haines
1975-76	Bertram A. Lipitz
1976-77	Joseph Damone, II
1977-78	Peter L. Reeder
1978-79	Dennis Ribatsky
1979-80	David K. Chew
1980-81	John F. Markwardt
1981-82	Lawrence J. Dougherty
1982-83	Eric Wardle
1983-84	Eugene Evans
1984-85	Alex Harwan
1985-86	David L. McMurray
1986-87	Jack Shockley
1987-88	Andrew Fox
1988-89	Ralph Carter, Jr.
1989-90	Robert Maneely, III

Blackwood Library Project at the Top of Club's Busy History

Once a Rotarian, always a Rotarian. At least, that was the case with Mike Stevens. A former Rotarian in the Haddonfield club, Stevens was largely responsible for the formation of Blackwood Rotary - Gloucester Township Rotary since the mid-1970s - after he relocated to manage Blackwood Lanes in the late 1950s.

Rotary District Governor J. Reynolds Pratt assigned Dr. Harry Evans of the Mt. Ephraim club to assist



Blackwood Rotary built and financed a library as it's first major club project. The library, dedicated in 1970, served Gloucester Twp. well for many years, but recently has become outgrown. Blackwood Rotarians again came to the rescue and built a bigger and better library in the center of Blackwood. Here (left to right), PDG Jim Lilley, PDG Lou Joyce, Past President Ralph Carter, and Club Community Service Director Mike Sartain check out the new sign in 1989.

Stevens and long-time Blackwood area community leader Lou Joyce III to oversee the formation of Blackwood Rotary. As a result of their combined efforts, there were 28 Members when the club was chartered on March 1, 1960. variety of community projects including support of Little League and Babe Ruth baseball, girls' softball, sponsorship of Interact clubs at Washington Township High School and Camden County College and American Legion students to boys' and girls' state, and sponsorship of the long-running Gloucester Township Christmas Parade. Through member Sol Farbstein's intervention, parade sponsorship was assumed by the Gloucester Township Business Association.

When Congressman and later New Jersey Gov, William T. Cahill appeared at the opening of the Blackwood Post Office, charter Blackwood Rotarian and postmaster Bill Minkoff engineered club sponsorship of the event.

But the club's No. 1 project in the early years was support of the building of the Gloucester Township Rotary Library adjacent to Highland Regional High School. Beginning with Jim Lilley's year as president, Blackwood Rotary started subsidizing the building project with a series of fund-raising events including a series of horse shows at Len Romano's ranch in Sicklerville and later an annual Dance.

After nearly 10 years of persistence_ and challenges to the community, the library became a reality tinder the guidance and development of George Matteo, a former Rotarian himself. Club members and Rotary Anns attended the dedication ceremony on May 9, 1970, along with Mayor Joseph Menna of Gloucester Township and Rep- John E. Hunt of Pitman, and then adjourned to Moffa's Farms for art celebration.

Blackwood's full involvement in the important precepts of Rotary was reflected in its sponsorship of three other clubs during the; first 20 years of its existence. Under the direction of Lou Joyce, Washington Township Rotary was formed. Then, under the guidance or Dr. Bernie Blaurn., Pine Hill-Clementon-Fria(and Winslow Township were formed.

The club is proud to have bad two district governors. Lou Joyce's year was 1970-71 when District 764 encompassed all Rotaries. from Bordentown to ScIbyvilie, Del., more, than 70 clubs. A spin-off was District 762, embracing the state of Delaware.

Under the chairmanship of Jim Lifley, tht assistance of Ed Janka and Dr. Blaum, and the participation and support of all club inembers, Joyce's district conference was a huge success.

In 1981-82 it was Lilley's turn as district governor. A long-time tireless worker for Rotary, Lilley also

participated in the District Group Study Exchange Program and was the group leader of a district team which visited New Zealand and developed an excellent program for member district clubs.

The Blackwood club has a long-standing record of support of the Foundation Program and has maintained one of the highest percentages of any district club. The foundation provides for group study exchanges, youth exchanges, youth awards, graduate awards and other special awards to help develop worldwide understanding.

Charter Members

OFFICE	NAME OF MEMBER	CLASSIFICATION
President	Louis C. Joyce, III	Realtor
Vice President	Michael Stevens	Bowling
Secretary	James W. Lilley, Jr.	Education - Public Schools
Treasurer	Gabriel H. Mendelman	Religion - Protestantism
Director	Halsey Cade	Government Administration
Director	Sol Farbstein	Lumber - Retail
Director	Edwin H. Janka	Mfg. Building Specialties
Director	William T. Minkoff	Postal Service
	Bernard M. Blaum	Dentist
	John Bondar	Builder
	David K. Chew	Florist
	James DeSandro	Auto Generator Service
	Justin J. Dintino	Detective Service
	Alex Harwan	Motion Picture Theatre
	Blaine R. Jones	Dairy Products - Retail
	David R. Jones, Sr.	Public Safety
	Bernard Levy	Construction - Roads & Highways
	Louis G. Marini	Mfg. Heating Equipment (Add'l Active)
	Thomas Marini	Mfg. Heating Equipment
	Joseph R. Moffa	Restaurant
	Luther W. Ott	Motel
	Leonard Romano	Animal Husbandry
	Orville Rose	Constructing Bridges & Structures
	Robert M. Salati	Education-Public School (Add'l Active)
	George Snyder	Alcoholic Beverages - Retail
	Wendell Straub	Groceries - Retail
	Louis J. Tiede	Engineering - Consulting
	Norman S. Weston	Dairy Prod.-Retail (Add'l Active)