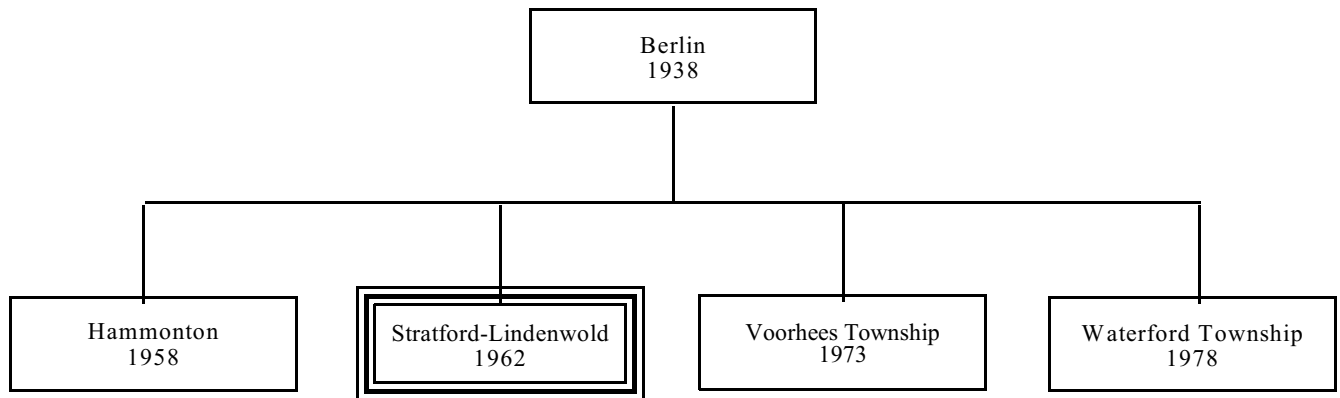


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Rotary Club of Stratford-Lindenwold, N.J.



75th Anniversary History of District 764

Stratford-Lindenwold, NJ

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Chartered	July-5,1962	Meets: Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at The Pufferbelly, Berlin-Glendale Rd. Lindenwold, NJ 08021 (609) 783-4544
Sponsored By	Berlin	

Charter Members

OFFICE	NAME OF MEMBER
President	Thomas J. Danks Alex Alexanian William Carr Bert Cook Charles Houchin William Hade Albert Hoeflinger James E. Joyce Raymond McCart Robert Mick Russell Oliveri John Pufahl Leon Smizer

Presidents

1962-63	Thomas J. Danks	1976-77	James Walsh
1963-64	Charles Houchin	1977-78	William Foster
1964-65	William Carr	1978-79	Thomas Russell
1965-66	William Hade	1979-80	William Lawson
1966-67	Raymond McCart	1.98-81	Wallace Desjardins
1967-68	Allen K. Taylor	1981-82	Richard Berkstresser
1968-69	Fred Taylor	1982-83	Guy Lalwani
1969-70	Clarence "Ty" Taylor	1983-84	Martin Syer
1970-71	Norman Robson	1984-85	Richard Vecsi
1971-72	Charles Colombo	1985-86	Richard Wessel
1972-73	Robert J. Mick	1986-87	Russell Burton
1973-74	Edward Eby	1987-88	Michael Wagner
1974-75	James McGuinness	1988-89	Robert McKeever
1975-76	Eugene Hinski	1989-90	Walter Michaleski

Stratford-Lindenwold Aided in Cleanup of Flood-Stricken Pa,

Sponsored by the Berlin Rotary, the Stratford-Lindenwold Rotary Club was chartered July 5, 1962 with 13 members including charter president Thomas J. Danks.

The club has been highly active in civic and community programs through the years.

In 1964-65, Stratford-Lindenwold established plans for a scholarship program which made awards to high school graduates within the club area. The first scholarships were presented the following year to Eleanor Menold of Overbrook Regional and to Barbara Manuel of Sterling Regional. Each year since, the club has made annual awards which now number three,

The year 1969-70 was a bittersweet year for the club. Clarence (Ty) Taylor, one of the most popular and respected members, was serving his term as president. But he died of a heart attack halfway through his year.

Taylor was captured by the Japanese when the Philippine Islands were surrendered. He was a survivor of the Bataan Death March, the transfer of prisoners from island to island in the sealed holds of Japanese ships, and prison camps where torture and starvation were commonplace. According to one Rotary report, "He survived this with no trace of bitterness in his demeanor."

When a flood struck the Wyoming Valley in northeast Pennsylvania in 1972, the Stratford - Lindenwold membership, led by President Bob Mick and Allen Taylor, organized a group of area high school students to assist in the massive cleanup.

Taylor arranged housing at a summer camp in the Wilkes-Barre area and found transportation for the students. Rotarians from Berlin and Pine Hill contributed funds and other assistance to support Taylor and his students.

An Inter-act Club was chartered at Sterling during James Walsh's year as president (1976-77) and is still active today.

Another continuing project is "Person of the Year," which began during William Foster's ten in 1977-78. The program recognizes a member of the community for public service.

In 1978-79, Stratford-Lindenwold Rotarians landscaped the Lindenwold Public Library as a project. They supplied both the labor and materials.

Wendy Kuehner was selected for a year of graduate study in Arab studies at the, American University of Cairo, Egypt in 1979-80. She is now working at the State Department in Washington.

During Dick Berkstresser's term as president in 1981-82, the club bulletin was started anew under the title "The Strat-Lind Trickle."

"We make no pretense at supplying a flood of information," a club communique reports. "A trickle can erode a large boulder or sustain a big oak tree. The 'Trickle' appears on an irregular schedule when it is deemed necessary to get information out to the members in printed form."



Stratford-Lindenwold 1989-90 Officers and Directors meet with DG 89-90 Herb Budd