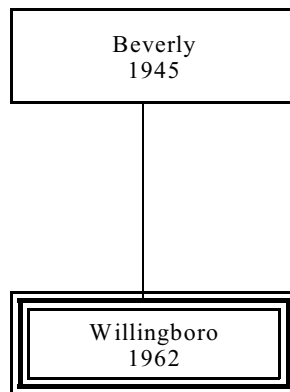


Chapter 44

Rotary Club of Willingboro, N.J.



Chartered	August 31, 1962	Meets: Thursdays at 12:15 pm at
Sponsored By	Beverly	Pirates Inn,
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President	William E. Cucknell	Commercial Banking
Vice President	Quentin M. Walton	Water Supply
Secretary	J. Kenneth Mart	Religion
Treasurer	Lloyd Furber	Lumber Mfg.
Director	Sidney W. Bookbinder	Municipal Law
Director	Robert W. Fyffe	Employment Service
Director	J. Cresswell Stuart	Nurseries
Director	Raymond J. Warwick	Education-Elementary Schools
	Frank B. Dattilo	Dentistry
	John Egner	Water Service
	Walton E. France	Air Conditioning
	Neil R. Garber	Retail Medicine
	Francis X. Green	Insurance,
	Herbert Lieber	Refined Oil Dealer
	Michael J. McWilliams	Physical Education
	Ancel R. Mitchell	Hydraulic Engineering
	John E. Mongon	Secondary Schools
	James W. Muir	Religious Education
	Raymond Nichols	Photographic Supplies Retail
	Donald C. Orlof	Education-Administration
	Robert F. Ptaszenski	Photographic Supplies-Wholesale
	Jeremiah P. Quigley	Real Estate
	Horace A. Reeves	Civil Engineering
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	George Thompson	Transportation
	Robert W. Wenzel	Telephone Service
	William R. Wilrigs	Hospital

Busy But Fun-Loving the Bywords of Willingboro Rotary

In his lightly-written nostalgic trip through club history, past president and long-time Willingboro Rotarian Dr. Edwin W. Messey succinctly says it all for Rotarians everywhere:

"...We sing off key and seem to enjoy it...We fine ourselves for doing good deeds ... We're people involved with people...We have a lot of fun doing it...Yes, Rotary is a unique organization where an average businessman in an average community can share the same excitement of giving that is experienced by any multi-millionaire philanthropist."

Messey's words seem to epitomize the spirit of Willingboro Rotary, which began officially on Sept. 1, 1962 at the Village Inn in Mt. Holly when William E. Cucknell was installed as charter president of a 28-member club which was sponsored by Beverly Rotary. Today, Cucknell remains active along with fellow charter members Cress Stuart, Neil Garber, Carl Schulze and Hal Reeves.

Willingboro quickly immersed itself in community activities and projects and began building a strong membership base which, over the last quarter-century, has been one of the largest in District 764 with a high mark of 100 members. For example, Messey, Bill Fedorko and Roy Willits all joined during the club's second year, and not long thereafter seven-year "Big Wheel" editor Dick Levine came on board along with John Dillon, who began an active role with youth programs and the in International Living during the '60s.

When H. Albert Reeves was Willingboro president in 1966-67, Reeves personally led a prizewinning Rotary horse and wagon entry in the Fourth of July parade_ The float tradition continued for the



Willing boro Rotarians (left to right, standing) Dr. Edwin Messey, Sam Filler, Bob Stuart, John Dillon, Alan Kammerer, Roy Willits, and Len Juros. (Seated) PDG Neil Garber, J. Cresswell Stuart and DG 89-90 Herb Budd.

next two decades with Rotarians dominating the winner's circle. Dave Fisher hosted the creative Rotarians at his service center, and Reeves traditionally was responsible for the design.

During Jeremiah P. Quigley's year (1967-68), Rotary Anns organized and quickly made an impact by sponsoring an annual covered-dish picnic in Chris Goes' backyard.

Fedorko was president in 1969-70 when Willingboro initiated its annual Christmas party.

The hard-driving Messey was a force behind a range of community projects during his year as president in 1970-71. Among them were a Vocational Service Program at John F. Kennedy Hospital; the dedication of a bus stop/shelter, designed by Reeves, at the Willingboro Plaza; the start of the Experiment in International Living program; and the hosting of youthful guests from Sweden, Italy, Germany,

England and other countries. This was the start of a warm bond which still exists today for several Willingboro Rotarians.

When Reeves began chairing the International Festival during Richard Isackson's year as president (1972-73), it became a popular event with Delaware Valley-wide support. Held annually at John F. Kennedy High School, it united the community and the club in a unique bond of cooperation and purpose.

At the same time, the club launched its Sunday morning pancake breakfasts as a major club fund-raiser.

Fund-raisers during the mid-'70s included an art auction, fruit cake sale and mo-ped raffle. Also, the club decided to co-sponsor "Give a Christmas" with the Burlington County Times. The club raised money to provide toys and food for needy local families.

It began support of an Interact Club at Willingboro High School.

Fun Day in Millcreek Park became a major club project during Frank Quinn's year as president in 1977-78, and Quinn was part of the driving force. That same year the club distributed turkeys to the indigent at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

When Robert Goldy was president in 1978-79, Willingboro established a Rotary Youth Leadership Award program at Stockton State College.

Willingboro Rotarians had 100 percent participation in the 3H program (Health, Hunger and Humanity), which was the forerunner of Rotary International's worldwide program to eliminate polio through mass vaccination.

During Neil Garber's year in 1980-81, Isackson led a group study team to Japan and seven of

nine Group Study Exchange Teams in America were hosted by Willingboro Rotary.

Highlights of the early '80s: The club got behind projects such as a shelter for abused women; Archie R. James never missed a meeting during his year as president (1982-83) even though in mid-term he was transferred to Newark; the club celebrated its 20th anniversary; Rotarians voted unanimously to back Neil Garber for district governor; all club identification badges, banners, trophies, archival material and other memorabilia were lost during a fire at Rancocas Country Club; Kenneth E. Garrett became the first club president to receive the R.I. Presidential Citation; and Stan Dillard led a Group Study Exchange team to Ecuador.

Willingboro sponsored a professional wrestling match as a fund-raiser for the district-wide World Community Service project, the refurbishing of a dilapidated orphanage in Santo Domingo.

Two club members, Ernie Troise and Bob Price, paid their own expenses to the Dominican Republic to assist at the orphanage. During Richard F. Jackiewicz' year as president (1985-86), Neil Garber became the first Willingboro Rotarian installed as District 764 governor.

During Stanley P. Dillard's reign as president in 1986-87, club emphasis was to help improve the image of Willingboro. A new Rotary Wheel of Fortune, replacing the one lost in the fire, was dedicated by Rotarian Carmine DeSopo on behalf of the Special Services School. Dillard prepared a montage of Rotarian photos, including ones from the early days, for the 25th anniversary celebration at Riverton Country Club.

Nicholas A. Manocchio was installed as 1987-88 president at an unusual location - the Officers Club of McGuire Air Force Base. That wasn't surprising. Nick is a retired Air Force colonel.

Shortly after he was sworn in, Nick presided at an induction ceremony for five women: Millie Gama, Perfecta Del-Mundo Adams, Ellen Kearns, Sadie Johnson, and Marie White Bell, three of whom had been active Rotary Anns.

William H. Dillenbeck assumed club presidency in 1988-89, a record seven short years after becoming a new member.

Cress Stuart was honored as the club's oldest member on his birthday, and shortly thereafter the club presented Cress' brother Bob with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Another highlight was a \$4,000 check presented to the club by Rotary Ann Sylvia Jackiewicz for hurricane relief in Jamaica and the Grand Cayman Islands.

Presidents

1962-63	William E. Cucknell	1976-77	David Fisher
1963-64	Quentin M. Walton	1977-78	Frank Quinn
1964-65	Robert W. Wenzel	1978-79	Robert Goldy
1965-66	John Egner	1979-80	Robert Schmidt
1966-67	Horace A. Reeves	1980-81	Neil R. Garber, PDG
1967-68	Jeremiah P. Quigley	1981-82	William J. Kearns
1968-69	J. Kenneth Mart	1982-83	Archie R. James
1969-70	William J. Fedorko	1983-84	Kenneth E. Garrett
1970-71	Edwin W. Messey	1984-85	Nathaniel E. Skinner
1971-72	Theodore Gendron	1985-86	Richard J. Jackiewicz
1972-73	Richard J. Isackson	1986-87	Stanley P. Dillard
1973-74	Robert K. Smyth	1987-88	Nicholas Manocchio, Jr.
1974-75	Roy S. Willits	1988-89	William H. Dillenbeck
1975-76	William W. Fiedler	1989-90	John Celani