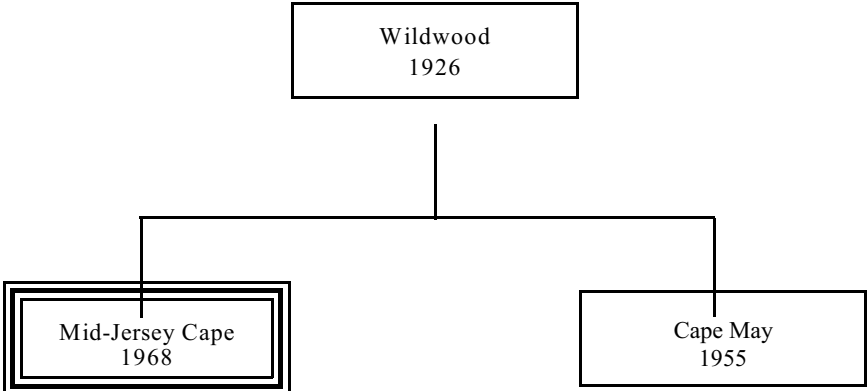


Chapter 47

Rotary Club of Mid-Jersey Cape, N.J.



Chartered	April 25, 1968	Meets:	Tuesdays at 12:15 pm at Wildwood Country Club, Golf Club Rd, Cape May Ct, House, NJ 08210 (609) 465-7824
Sponsored By	Wildwood		

Presidents

1968-69	Edward Carter
1969-70	Joseph W. Rixey, Jr.
1970-72	Charles J. Mears
1972-73	Pete Rocap
1973-74	Mace Ballentine
1974-75	Richard Tozer
1975-76	Warren Hall
1976-77	Shah M. Chaudrey
1977-78	Clarence Battersby
1978-79	James Laudenslager
1979-80	Ernest F. Ross, Jr.
1980-81	Charles J. Mears
1981-82	Ronald Williams
1982-83	Vernon Graham
1983-84	Jay Helms
1984-85	Edward Morrison
1985-86	James Saad
1986-87	David Burke
1987-88	James Pickering
1988-89	David Williams
1989-90	Edward Foster

You Name it, Mid-Jersey Cape Club Has Supported the Cause

Through its relatively brief 22-year history, the Mid-Jersey Cape Rotary has established itself firmly in its community and in its district as a project-oriented service organization. As examples, the club has sold fruit cakes and placemats; raffled everything from baskets of cheer to cars, boats and R.V. trailers; sponsored magic shows and dinners; and supplied manpower for snow cone and ice cream booths, cake sales and flea markets. No project has been too obscure, none too immense.

Mid-Jersey Cape was sponsored by its neighboring Wildwood Rotary Club, one of the oldest in District 764. Among the primary forces in the establishment of Mid-Jersey Cape were Ed Smith, Wildwood president at the time, and Dr. Carl Records of another close-by Rotary in Cape May.



Mid-Jersey Cape Rotarians enjoy lunch at a club meeting.

When it was chartered April 25, 1968 with Edward Carter installed as president, the club had 28 members. Among them was the eternally-reliable Charles J. Mears, who served back-to-back terms as president in 1970-71 and 1971-72, returned to serve a third term in 1980-81, and who is the club's only remaining charter member.

Mid-Jersey Cape has had a high membership tally of 34, and has had as few as eight. But in recent years its recruitment efforts have been highly successful as the roster rebuilds toward the 30 plateau.

Mid-Jersey Cape's most challenging and most successful project through the years has been its 20-20 club which was initiated 13 years ago.

Each year the club prints 500 tickets, sells them for \$25 each, and then places the ticket stubs in a drum. Three numbers are drawn on a weekly basis throughout a 20-week period. The first number pulled wins \$25, the second \$15, and the third \$10.

The event culminates with a gala buffet dinner, band, and dancing from 7 to 11 when the 20-20 reaches its 20th week. Members donate door prizes for the dinner attendees, and the five final cash prizes are drawn. Four of the prizes are for \$50 each, and the grand prize is \$1,000.

The 20-20 project helps the club in a variety of important ways.

For one thing, it promotes good will and fellowship among club members. Part of that esprit de corps is a race to determine which member can sell the highest number of tickets, and who can be responsible for the most winners.

It's an event that helps give the club a significant amount of community recognition throughout the area. When the Mid-Jersey Cape Rotarians sell tickets to their friends and associates, they have an opportunity to talk about their club, and its many activities, in a positive light.

And, perhaps most importantly, the project has enabled the club to award three \$1,000 scholarships on an annual basis to area high school seniors for use at the colleges of their choice.

The scholarships represent only part of the considerable good Mid-Jersey Cape has accomplished for its community through its first quarter-century. The club has raised the impressive sum of \$65,000 for area charities and for scholarship purposes. As just part of its long-standing commitment to serve the youth of the area, it has been the sponsor of a Little League baseball team.

Each year the club provides three \$100 food gift certificates to three needy families.

But Mid-Jersey Cape's list of community activities seems endless. Among them have been contributions to the local hospital, to 4-1-1, to the volunteer fire department and first aid squad, to the county zoo, and many others.

Also, its heartwarming efforts to provide medical care to individuals who have needed dialysis, bone marrow transplants, leg braces, and a wide range of other assistance is well known throughout the community it serves.