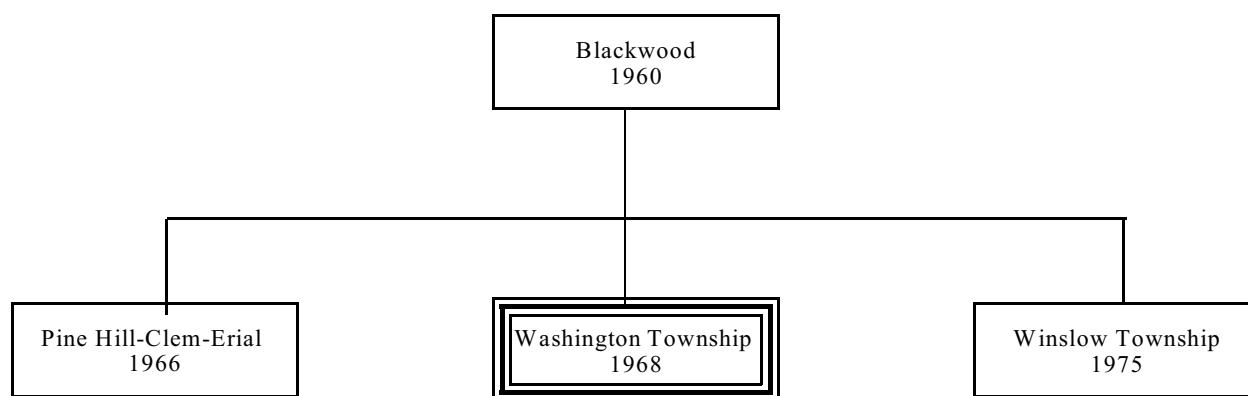


Chapter 48

Rotary Club of Washington Township, N.J.



Chartered	August 28, 1968	Meets :	Thursdays at 12:15 pm at Cavanaugh's Country House, Turnersville, NJ 08012 1521 Black Horse A, (609) 629-7398
Sponsored By	Blackwood		

Charter Members

OFFICE	NAME OF MEMBER	CLASSIFICATION
President	Arthur J. Turney	Automobile-Retail
Vice President	Robert C. Haythorn.	Insurance-Casualty
Secretary	Otto E. Robinson	Mobile home Park
Treasurer	John A. Gilmore	Religion-Presbyterian
Assistant Secy/Treas.	Charles O. Walker	Education Administrator
Sergeant-At-Arms	Lester J. Traband	Insurance-Life
Director	Raymond H. Love	Advertising Service
Director	Theodore F. Mitchell	Chief of Police
Director	Ronald C. Nelson	Religion-Lutheran
Director	Fred Silberiesen	Physician
	Roscoe Chew	Municipal Water Service
	Gordon A. Compton	Restaurant
	William D. Craig	Tobacco Pipe Supplies
	George L. Donaldson	Banking
	Joseph F. Doyle	General Law, Practice
	Harry DuBrink	Groceries
	Harold E. Greiner	Industrial Supplies
	R.F. Hopkins	Security Brokerage
	Anthony Kritis	Real Estate-Residential
	Joseph Lanzetta	Auto Body Repairs
	Lawrence S. Lipkin	Dentist
	Edward Moore	Education-Elementary
	Robert L. Salisbury	Motels
	Raymond N. Sambar	Business Forms
	Daniel J. Townsend	Real Estate-Commercial
	Richard J. Zammer	Service Station

Washington Township Backs Rotary at All Levels of Activity

Chartered Aug. 28, 1968, the Rotary Club of Washington Township received its charter presentation a month later at Moffa's Farms in Blenheim and there was a distinct Blackwood club flavor to the new organization.

In fact, all five charter officers - Arthur J. Turney, president; Otto E. Robinson, secretary; Robert Haythorne, vice president; Rev. John Gilmore, treasurer; and Dr. Fred Silbcreisen, director - had been members of the neighboring Blackwood Rotary. Also, Washington Township was sponsored by Blackwood, and Louis C. Joyce III, a prominent Blackwood Rotarian, was the governor's special representative. Three charter members of the new Blackwood club, Robinson, Richard Zammer and Tony Kritis, remain active Rotarians today.



Washington Township Rotary Charter Night, September 20, 1968. Charter President Arthur J. Turney (third from left, seated) is pictured here with other district dignitaries.

But Washington Township quickly took on its own personality and has become one of the most active clubs in District 764.

There have been Washington Township representatives at all district assemblies, seminars and conferences and the club has provided hospitality suites to help foster fellowship among the attendees. When Rotary held its international convention in Philadelphia in 1988, Washington Township enthusiastically was among the Delaware Valley clubs

which provided home hospitality.

As further evidence of its commitment to the ideals of RI, the club has sent delegates to international conventions in Switzerland, Brazil and Canada as well as domestic sites in Hawaii, Texas, California, Wisconsin, New Orleans, and, of course, Philadelphia.

For the first 15 years after receiving its charter, the club met at Gordon Compton's Restaurant in Turnersville. Since then, it moved to the Alpine Lounge in Williamstown and, more recently, to Cavanaugh's Country House on the Black Horse Pike in Turnersville.

In less than a quarter-century, Washington Township Rotary has had a major positive impact on its community.

Since being chartered, it has sponsored an Inter-Act Club for boys and girls at Washington Township High School, Robert Householder, the first faculty advisor of the club and an honorary member, died in 1979 and left a \$100,000 trust. Interest on the trust is awarded annually in the form of a scholarship to an Inter-Act member. As other examples of the club's interest in supporting the youth of the community, it has sent students to the RYLA program on an annual basis and sponsored a township man who was awarded a Rotary Foundation graduate scholarship for a year of study in New Zealand.

Washington Township has gone in for fund-raising events to support local organizations and charities in a big way.

Its list of fund-raisers has included carnivals, golf tournaments, casino bus trips, raffles, auctions, and dinner dances.

A premier service project has been the club's Handicap Fair which has been held at a Rotarian's farm in support of handicapped children and adults. Another has been the full financial sponsorship of a bowling league for the handicapped.

And still another has been Christmas gifts for the youthful residents of Robin's Nest, a home for troubled

young women in Glassboro.

Washington Township traditionally has provided funds to local churches which, in turn, supply food and other necessities to needy families.

Three of the club's most ambitious events raised a staggering \$25,000 for distribution to the Deborah Heart and Lung Center in Browns Mills and to two area families which experienced catastrophic illness.

In a joint effort with the local Kiwanis Club, Rotarians. in 1978 started the township Fourth of July Parade which has become a popular tradition.

As evidence of its willingness to assist in a vast range of community-related projects, Rotary in 1970 was prominent in the formation of the Washington Township Chamber of Commerce. Four different Rotarians have been honored by the chamber as "Person of the Year."

Washington Township Rotary helped recognize the country's Bicentennial in 1976 by burying a time capsule near the Veterans Memorial. Many members contributed items to the capsule, which will be opened in 2076.

Also on the local level, the club purchased bleachers for the Washington Township Little League baseball field as one of its first projects.

On a district level, it has supported all projects including the refurbishment of the Dominican Republic orphanage and the building of a playground in a Mexican slum. Washington Township has been a leader in the district group study exchange program and in '75 provided the Rotarian team leader for an exchange district in South Africa.

Support of the Rotary Foundation has reached the 15,000 percent level and more than \$75,000 has been contributed to date. Township's "fair-share" pledge to Polio Plus is \$40,000.

Of the club's 62 Paul Harris Fellows - a large number considering the club was chartered in '68 - 31 are nonmembers including wives, friends of Rotary, and former members.

When Rotary Foundation started its Health, Hunger and Humanity program in '77, Washington Township was awarded the foundation's 3-H banner for its sizable contribution.

Washington Township also was acknowledged in '79 when one of its members received Rotary's highest award, the Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award. It was the first given a New Jersey Rotarian in history.

Washington Township also has been a district pioneer in welcoming women as members. The club's current membership is about 10 percent female.

Presidents

1968-69	Arthur J. Turney	1979-80	Rick Zammer
1969-70	Robert C. Haythorn	1980-81	Dennis L. King
1970-71	Ronald Nelson	1981-82	Bernard R. Cauley
1971-72	Fred Silbereisen	1982-83	William R. Edwards
1972-73	George Donaldson	1983-84	Robert C. Ahrens
1973-74	Larry Lipkin	1984-85	Robert L. Saghirian
1974-75	Otto Robinson & Dan Townsend	1985-86	David W. Morgan
1975-76	Neal Lombardi	1986-87	Thomas S. Drissel
1976-77	Anthony Kritis	1987-88	Glenn Page
1977-78	Otho L. Zeigler	1988-89	William Kettleson
1978-79	Fred Reeve	1989-90	Michael Gilletti