

Chapter 51

Rotary Club of Maple Shade, N.J.

Pennsauken--Merchantville
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75th Anniversary History of District 764

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Chartered	March 23, :1970	Meets :	Tuesdays at 12:15 pm at Gem Caterers, 14 S. Forklanding Rd., Maple Shade, NJ 08110 (609) 667-1242
Sponsored By	Pennsauken-Merchantville		

Charter Members

OFFICE	NAME OF MEMBER	CLASSIFICATION
President	Edward A. Bailey, Jr.	Electrical Contracting
Vice President	Alvin White	Waste Disposal
Secretary	John Siebke	Banker
Treasurer	Richard Michel	Restaurant
	George Barbour	Attorney
	Charles Carite	Disposal Service.
	Clifford Goff	Sales Manager
	Joseph Inglesby	Funeral Director
	William Miller	Printing
	Levi Olsen	Superintendent of Schools
	Paul Ouslander	Truck Rentals
	Paul Pallis	Window Services
	Harry Renwick, Sr.	Realtor
	Charles Rossi	Teacher/Professor
	Merritt Rudner	Fluorocarbon
	Robert Simcox	Roofer
	James Simcox	General Contractor
	William Stone	Pastor
	Stephen Toth	Manufacturing
	George Ulmer	Tavern Owner

Sidewalk Sale Among Numerous Maple Shade Success Stories

There was some concern among charter members of the Maple Shade Rotary Club that it would survive its neophyte days. Not long after it received its charter on March 23, 1970 and Edward Bailey was installed as president of an original group of 20, the club fell on hard times. About half of the charter 20 dropped out the first year and, according to Maple Shade archives, "It was touch and go for a few years. But we've made it—and made it good."

Made it, indeed. Maple Shade has established a solid reputation as a vibrant and busy participant in District 764 activities through the years while holding a steadfast resolve to serve its community in a variety of important ways that underscore the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self."

Maple Shade quickly asserted itself on a district scale by helping to fund a playground in Mexico. It historically has had more members attend district conventions than required.

Maple Shade's list of community projects through the years is a lengthy and impressive one.

It initiated a sidewalk sale in the early years which still flourishes today as an annual event. The sale of hot dogs and soda by club members helps fund a scholarship for a Maple Shade High School senior - throughout this report it will become clear that Maple Shade does much good for children.

Another project which was started during the early years was preparation of the club's parade floats which helped unite the membership for an important cause.

As an ongoing event, Maple Shade Rotary sponsors a day trip for retarded children to either a circus or to Disney on Ice at the Spectrum. The heartwarming program was launched in '81 during Jim Ryan's year as president.

The club purchased a special chair for a child with polio so she could attend school. It placed an answering machine in the local police station and then installed compatible telephones in the homes of local deaf residents to enhance their chances of reporting fires or other emergency calls.

The club supplied bulletproof vests for members of the Maple Shade Police Department. In turn, the police assist the Rotarians by donating to the annual trip for handicapped children.

In another cooperative community partnership, the Rotary and the Maple Shade Advisory Board combine efforts on both the annual flea market sale and the Christmas lights project. Two Christmases ago, Rotary purchased a pole and made a donation for the lights, while the advisory board installed a public address system on Main St.

Maple Shade Rotary has been a firm booster of the annual American Red Cross blood drives in support of fire victims or seriously ill local residents as well as unfortunate people throughout the world.

good folks at area nursing homes at Christmas, Easter and other special holidays. They donate to both the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts anti numerous other community organizations.

In yet another chapter in the club's commitment to the community, Maple Shade Rotary spearheaded a campaign to send teachers from the Maple Shade school system to special classes on drug problems. It has purchased materials for the police to use in their ongoing project to educate the elementary school children about the risks of drugs.

The club's good relationship with Maple Shade schools is well documented. It hosts exchange students.

It sponsors an annual Student Government Day at which the youngsters operate government for a day, and then awards them certificates for their efforts. It sponsors a boy and a girl annually in the RYLA program.



A copy of Maple Shade Rotary's Charter from Rotary International, dated March 23, 1970 .

In recent years, Maple Shade Rotary has sponsored a Toys for Tots project at the Thanksgiving football game.

With funds collected from a new Bowl-a-thon event, a Maple Shade senior receives a scholarship at graduation from a self-perpetuating trust fund.

On a district level, Maple Shade Rotary is established as a 100 percent sustaining Paul Harris club and has the distinction of having the youngest district Rotarian honored as a Paul Harris fellow. It also is on target in its commitment to Polio-Plus.

That's not bad for a Rotary which wasn't certain it would be able to survive its first year.

Presidents

1970	Edward Bailey
1970-71	Alvin White
1971-72	John Siebke
1972-73	William Van Fossen
1973-74	Clifford Goff
1974-75	Robert Ries
1975-76	Charles Rossi
1976-77	Raymond Banes
1977-78	William Stone
1978-79	John Sawro
1979-80	Bernard Sarnow
1980-81	John Givinish
1981-82	James Ryan
1982-83	Joseph Sheridan, Jr.
1983-84	Sam T. Waldner, Sr.
1984-85	Sterling A. Martin
1985-86	Robert Rogers
1986-87	Charles Nase
1987-88	Horace MacAdams
1988-89	John McGlone
1989-90	Lou Gaul