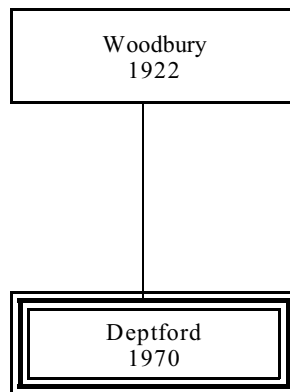


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Rotary Club of Deptford, N.J.



75th Anniversary History of District 764

Deptford, NJ

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Chartered	April 10, 1970	Meets :	Fridays at 12-15 pm at
Sponsored By	Woodbury		Woodbury C.C., 467
Clubs Sponsored	West Jersey - Gloucester Co.		Cooper St.,
			Woodbury, NJ 08096
			(609) 848-5000

Charter Members

OFFICE	NAME OF MEMBER	CLASSIFICATION
President	Edward Boschetti	Electronics-Parts
Vice President	John V. Deehan, Jr.	Security Brokerage
Secretary	John W. Bill	Toot & Die Mfg.
Treasurer	John J. Landick	Contractors Equipment
Sergeant-At-Arms	Paul Damiani	Pharmacist
Director	Jeffrey H. Gitomer	Kitchen Cabinets Mfg.
Director	Park Hitchens	Education Admin. (Add'l Active)
Director	Walter F. Keane, Jr.	Education-College
Director	William Lucas	Restaurant
Director	A. Donald MacKerell	Education-College
Director	Joseph C. Michaels	Public Safety-Police Service
	Arthur Ashkenase	Nursing Home
	Peter N. Butler	Education-Elementary
	Vincent C. Carbone	Banking
	Mario P. Grippi	Education Administration
	Peter McEvoy, Jr.	Country Clubs
	Thomas D. McHugh	Real Estate-Residential
	John J. Meiler, Jr.	Refined Oil Products-Retailing
	Richard E. Philbin	Insurance Adjusting
	Andrew J. Super	Health Clubs
	Louis Tortorito	Auto Body Shop

Deptford Rotary's Civic Activities Peak During the Holidays

Through the organizational efforts of long-time Woodbury Rotarian Walt Fish, Deptford Rotary was chartered in April 1969 with Edward Boschetti serving as the first president. Deptford has earned a reputation as one of the most active clubs in District 764 as well as one of the most fun-loving.

Deptford's civic endeavors are widely known, particularly during the holiday season.

For many years, Deptford Rotary has held a highly successful gala Christmas party for the elderly at Cedars Rest Home, then also a cookout with a string band for the same folks during the summer.

In recent years, Deptford has gone all out at Christmas. This past Christmas the club took \$3,000 from its treasury - the funds from a variety of fund-raising events to provide a happy holiday for eight needy families in Deptford and Mantua townships. One of the club's chief money-makers is its annual solicitation from area businesses in the spring.

Also at Christmas, the club raises as much as \$16,000 at a local K-Mart store through an angel tree to provide gifts for underprivileged youngsters in the Gloucester County area.



Deptford Rotarians at Cedars Rest Home Christmas Party.

Between its two holiday events, Deptford Rotary provided about \$20,000 in gifts for Christmas 1989.

"It just makes you feel fantastic," says 1989-90 Deptford President Ted Bamford, who started the angel tree. George Nicholson started the other Christmas project during his year as president in 1988-89.

But the Christmas parties represent just a small part of Deptford's community involvement over the years.

One of the club's first successful undertakings was raising, about \$650 for an upright piano which was donated to John of God School for the Mentally Retarded in Westville Grove. Here are just a few of the other activities:

--Charter members John Deehan and Paul Damiani chaired the club's first fund-raiser, a golf outing at Tall Pines (now Ron Jaworski's Eagles' Nest) in 1970. A sign of the times: The entry fee was just \$8. The golf tournament became one of the club's primary fund-raisers.

--A club-sponsored horse show was held for five years during the early '80s and raised more than \$10,000. That event eventually was replaced by a dog show for one year.

--An art auction, started in the early '80s, has become one of the club's top events. It has raised about \$21,000 to date.

--Other endeavors have included a Bike-A-Rama; Junior Miss Deptford Pageant; repairing homes of the needy; honoring of Spartans of the Month from Deptford High and Gators of the Month from Gateway High; float participation in Deptford Day; support of PolioPlus and the orphanage in the Dominican Republic; sponsorship of St. John of God students in the Special Olympics; providing of playground equipment for the handicapped at Deptford's Fasola Park; bicycle safety program; two wheelchairs for Underwood-Memorial Hospital; three power motorized wheelchairs for needy individuals; a kidney dialysis machine to U-M hospital; furnishing of a room at Underwood; heavy participation in the district Phillies' game through distribution of numerous tickets; and sending four students to RYLA each summer.

Largely through the organizational efforts of Pete Butler, Deptford was the sponsoring club for West Deptford Rotary.

The club boasts an unusually large number of Paul Harris Fellows: 34 in just 20 years. Most others are sustaining members, and 1989-90 president Ted Bamford's goal is 100 percent participation during his year.

Charter members still active are John Bill, Pete Butler, Don MacKerell, Paul Damiani and Walt Keane.

Deptford Rotary's hospitality room at the district conference traditionally has been one of the most unusual ones. For example, for several years the club brought in a roasted pig, complete with apple in its mouth, and toasted the event with champagne.

The club's gift to its guest speakers through the years, appropriately, has been a pig statue -- symbolic of the township's pig farms. The trophies have been well received and much talked about at Rotary International headquarters.

Deptford Rotary also has one of the most active Rotaryann groups in the district. In recent years they have raised as much as \$4,000 annually to donate to needy groups. Also, they organize and run the hospitality room at the convention and actively work in every project the club undertakes. A few in the group aren't even wives of Rotarians.

Presidents

1970-71	Edward Boschetti
1971-72	John Deehan
1972-73	John Bill
1973-74	Donald MacKerell
1974-75	Peter Butler
1975-76	Frank Coryell
1976-77	Thomas McHugh
1977-78	John Keuler
1978-79	Walter Keane
1979-80	Frank Santo
1980-81	Robert Plum
1981-82	Daniel Timms
1982-83	Robert Gay
1983-84	Joseph Michaels
1984-85	Neil McIntyre
1985-86	Joseph Folcarelli
1986-87	Walter List
1987-88	Jeffrey Koslow
1988-89	George Nicholson
1989-90	Ted Bamford