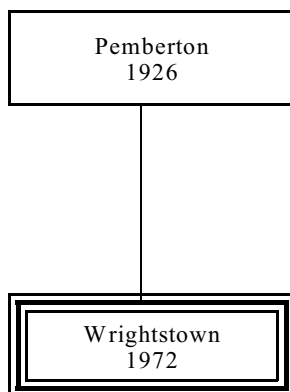


Chapter 55

Rotary Club of Wrightstown, N.J.



75th Anniversary History of District 764

Wrightstown, NJ

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Chartered	June 24, 1972	Meets :	Wednesdays at 12:15 pni at Ft. Dix Officers Club, Wrightstown, NJ 08562 (609) 723-7700
Sponsored By	Pemberton		

Presidents

1972-73	Hubert Byron
1973-74	William Wainwright
1974-75	Jack Collins
1975-76	Bill Demas
1976-77	Rich Wagner
1977-78	Steve Vrabel
1978-79	Art Dennis
1979-80	John Gilmer
1980-81	Mike Kittis
1981-82	Art Covello
1982-83	George Mattson
1983	Frank Mulligan
1984	Denis McDaniel
1984-85	Jim Davis
1985-86	Clint Miller
1986-87	Denis McDaniel
1987-88	Dan Rosato
1988-89	George Edson
1989-90	Joseph Tilghman

When There's a Needy Cause, Wrightstown Is Ready to Assist

How community-minded has Wrightstown Area Rotary Club been in its brief, but highly productive, 18-year history? Including its 1988 successes, in which club members gave \$13,000 to Rotary International's Polio Plus drive and exceeded their goal by \$1,000, Wrightstown Area Rotary has raised more than \$75,000 for numerous community and international service projects.

Sponsored by Pemberton Rotary, Wrightstown was chartered Sept. 20, 1972 with Dr. Hubert Byron, a dentist who also was serving as Wrightstown mayor at the time, elected charter president.

It did not take long for Wrightstown to initiate its community spirit which flourishes gloriously today. The club came up with the money to repair the roof of a local church which had been damaged in a storm.

In 1974, the club contributed \$10,000 to the Deborah Heart and Lung Center in nearby Browns Mills. In 1975, it was a co-sponsor of the Special Olympics. Besides its \$3,000 donation to the Special Olympics committee, Wrightstown Rotarians prepared meals for more than 3,500 athletes.

Through the years, the club often has provided financial assistance to needy families.



Wrightstown Area Rotarians at a 1986 fund-raising luncheon for Deborah Heart and Lung Center. Left to right are Denis McDaniel, Art Covello, Clint Miller, DG 86-87 Ruben Blane of Atlantic City and Mike Kittis, DG 90-91.

The club presents plaques on a quarterly basis to outstanding soldiers and airmen at Ft. Dix and McGuire Air Force Base, as well as to the No. 1 graduate of the New Jersey State Police Academy at Ft. Dix. It honors local families and businesses for their participation in an annual beautification awards program.

Each Thanksgiving Wrightstown Rotarians host senior citizens at a luncheon. The program for the annual event is a speaker whose subject is Social Security, health care, or another topic of interest to the seniors.

Wrightstown's numerous fund-raising endeavors have been highlighted by gifts to Rotary Foundation totaling \$12,000 for use in

its Health, Hunger and Humanity program.

Also, during 1987 the club gave \$600 towards the ongoing District project in the Dominican Republic - support of the building program at a once-dilapidated Santo Domingo orphanage.

Wrightstown also takes pride in its support of a variety of projects for youth on an annual basis.

Wrightstown and Bordentown Rotary are joint sponsors of the Interact Club at Northern Burlington High School which, although established only in 1987, already has 44 members.

Wrightstown in 1986-87 sent three local high school students to study abroad and at the same time sponsored the visits of two foreign high school students in the local community.

During 1987-88, the club sponsored one student's trip to study in Ecuador and hosted a Brazilian exchange student.

Additionally, Wrightstown annually sends two students to Stockton State College for the week-long Rotary Youth Leadership Awards seminar and provides three \$500 scholarships to students at Northern Burlington, Burlington and Allentown high schools.

Wrightstown also presents citizenship awards each year to elementary school students.

Wrightstown is frequently recognized for its strong community efforts: An achievement award from Rotary International; a district vocational award for Mike Kittis as well as the Rotary Foundation Meritorious Service in 1985; a presidential citation from M.A.T. Caparas, '87 Rotary International president, among the many.

As further evidence of the club's commitment to be among the district leaders, Mike Kittis has been selected as district governor for 1990-91.

Charter Members

OFFICE	NAME OF MEMBER	CLASSIFICATION
President	Hubert H. Byron	Dentistry
Vice President	William H. Wainwright, Jr.	Dairy Farming
Secretary	John M. Collins	Tire Sales
Treasurer	James J. McMullin	Banking
Director	Col. Gordon W. Lake	U.S. Air Force
Director	Ernest A. Liptak	Veterinarian
Director	R. David Sperling	Water Service
Director	Richard R. Wagner	Education
Director	Stephen Wargo	Mechanical Engineering
	Frank Aaronson	Fuel Oil Distributor
	Arthur J. Brennan	Department Store
	Frank Compagno	Purchasing & Contracting
	Frank Corti	Diner
	Thomas R. Davis	Automotive Parts
	James S. Davis, Jr.	Apts. Supt. & Owner
	Perry Dee	Billiards & Bowling
	William J. Demas	Motel Manager
	Milton Elmore	Christianity-Baptist
	Gordon R. Golding	Law Enforcement
	David W. Greer	Pet Travel Service
	Warren U. Harris	Postal Service
	Kenneth Hatchman	Motels
	Paul James	Insurance
	Michael Kittis	Groceries
	Paul R. Kolodzies	Power & Light
	Frank Mulligon	Moving & Storage
	Vincent R. Pisarri	Procurement
	Howard W. Reed	Laundry Service
	Larry Rosen	Dry Cleaning
	Thomas Vlachos	Automotive Repair



Some Charter Members of Wrightstown Area Rotary (top row, left to right): A. Lee Teti, James McMillan, Emie Liptok, Steve Wargo, Paul Kolodzies, Bill Demas and Gordon Lake. (bottom row, left to right): Bill Yerkes (Special Representative from Pemberton), Frank Corti, Rich Wagner, Jack Collins, William Wainwright, Hubert Byron, Larry Rosen, and R. David Sperling.