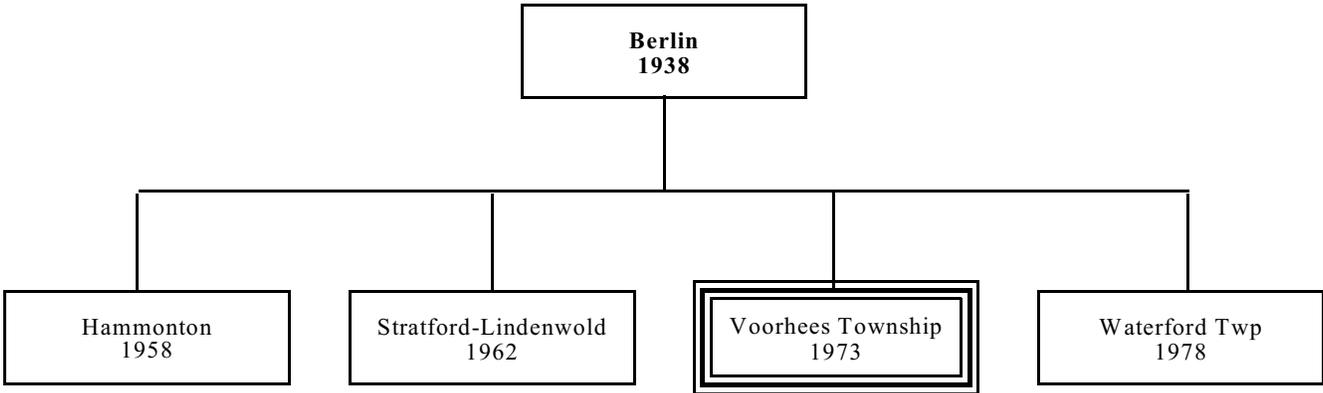


Chapter 56

Rotary Club of Voorhees Township, N.J.



Chartered	June 30, 1973	Meets :	Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at
Sponsored By	Berlin		Gina Rosa Ristorante, Evesham Rd., Voorhees, NJ 08043 (609) 751-5454

Presidents

1973-75	Jerry Klein
1975-76	Steve Micciche
1976-77	Jerry Greenberg
1977-78	Carl Snyder
1978-79	Joe Kulb
1979-80	Nick Giove
1980-81	Vincent Duca
1981-82	Rick Santoro
1982-83	Russ Mehta
1983-84	Steve Micchiche
1984-85	Nick Longo
1985-86	Bob Portner
1986-87	Lou Denny
1987-88	Bill Leonard
1988-89	Jack McCormick
1989-90	Dan Stelluto

Voorhees Rotary Raised Over \$250,000 in First 15 Years

Although it is one of the youngest Rotary clubs in District 764, chartered in 1973, Voorhees Rotary Club has proven its mettle as one of the most responsive to civic need.

In its first 15 years, for example, Voorhees Rotary raised about a quarter of a million dollars for local causes. One of its most recent undertakings was construction of a Little League clubhouse facility for the new Voorhees Sports Complex.

"We hope the next 15 years are as good to us, and the community, as the first 15," says club historian Vincent Duca.

Sponsored by the neighboring Berlin Rotary through the assistance of members Nick Iuliano, Jack Williams and Marty Krasovetz, Voorhees was chartered June 30, 1973. Early meetings were held Tuesday evenings at Mama Ventura's Restaurant on Rte. 73. Today, the club convenes at Silver Lake Inn.

At charter night festivities Oct. 10, 1973 at the Silver Lake Barn, Jerry Klein was installed as charter president of a group of 21 men. Klein also was elected president for the following year, 1974-75.

The full 50-member Berlin club was in attendance at the charter dinner along with about 150 other Rotarians and guests from throughout the district. Among the attendees was District Governor Robert Y. Garrett, Jr. of Camden Rotary.

In quick order, Voorhees Rotary was in the flow of a flurry of fund-raising events, special nights and other business. Attendance during the early months was sporadic, but improved in later years to one of the highest, percentage-wise, in the district.

One of Voorhees' primary fund-raising endeavors each year is its Gold Dinner, which makes about \$7,000 for a variety of charities. Other money-makers have included flea market sales and shoeshine parties at Echelon Mall; advertising booklets; social dances; sale of raffle tickets; costume balls; sale of coloring books, for life-saving equipment for the local ambulance



Voorhees Rotarians performing at one of their many Variety Shows. This one is at the 1989 District Conference in Atlantic City.

corps; four casino bus trips annually with about \$700 raised on each trip; and a golf outing for the benefit of the Cooper Medical Center Children's Wing. The latter has become one of the top money-makers in District 764 with \$20,000 raised to date for the children's wing.

Each year the club holds an adult/child Christmas party which has been a large success and a source of great pride for the club.

But that's only a small part of Voorhees Rotary's activities.

The club has a scholarship program for local high school students. It distributes food baskets and clothing to the needy each Christmas.

In 1980, Voorhees Rotarians started a talent night which has become a prime fund-raiser.

Members of the 76ers, Eagles, Phillies and Flyers have helped the club at its annual Bowl-A-Rama. Money raised enabled the club to build a room at the Ronald McDonald House in Camden in 1982 so that parents can spend time with the children during their recoveries from leukemia.

The club has actively taken part in Rotary's student exchange program, sending a student to New Zealand and hosting students from Brazil, Australia and New Zealand.

And although it is still considered a young club, there have been 30 Paul Harris Fellows confirmed via Voorhees Rotary.

As of late 1989, Vincent Duca, charter president Jerry Klein and Steve Nficciche were the club's remaining charter members.