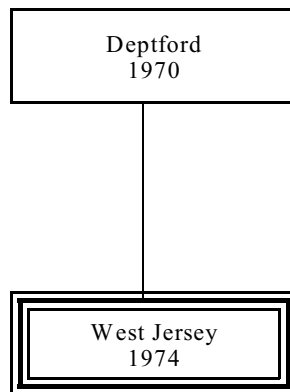


Chapter 57

Rotary Club of West Jersey, N.J.



75th Anniversary History of District 764

West Jersey, NJ

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Chartered	April 8, 1974	Meets :	Thursdays at 12:15 pm at
Sponsored By	Deptford		The Dutch Inn,
			Harmony Rd & Rt. 295,
			Gibbstown, NJ 08027
			(609) 423-6600

Charter Members

OFFICE	NAME OF MEMBER	CLASSIFICATION
President	David Kruger	Branch Manager
	William G. Allabach	Senior Citizen Assoc.
	Henry W. Bierbrunner	Accounting Service
	Thomas F. Brennan	Consumer Loans
	Thomas A. Bruno	Life Insurance
	Anthony J. Bukenas, Jr.	Auto Service Center
	Andrew G. Chesney	Real Estate Agency
	William Coblentz	Dry Cleaning Service
	Carmen Console	Groceries-Retailing
	Samuel J. Cuzzilla	Used Auto Retailing
	C. Warren Dahmer, Jr.	Marine Sales
	Neil Dempsey	Restaurant
	Allen C. Eastlack	Auto Sales Retail
	Fred H. Enzman, Jr.	Municipal. Government
	Joseph Foster	Household Furniture Retail
	Carl L. Francis	Count), Water Service
	Raymond Hess, Jr.	Casualty Insurance
	Frank Karkuff	Inland Marine
	Barry Lukens	Seafood Specialty
	Charles Militti	Variety Stores
	Elwood Mower	Mortgage Loans
	Thomas F. Reutter	General Medical Practice
	John Russo	TV Repair Service
	Eldon Smith	Security Brokerage
	Joseph B. Tighe	Seafood Retail
	Anthony Valance	Building Construction
	Donald H. Wagner	Printing Service
	Clyde Walker, Jr.	General Law Practice
	Edward Wallace	Iron & Steel Mfg.
	Clint J. Withers	Newspaper Publishing
	Louis F. Wall	Banking Administration
	George E. Zimm	Mobile Homes Park

West Deptford, Westville Clubs Both Have Strong Heritage

The West Deptford/Westville Rotary Club, chartered in April 1974 with 32 members, merged with the Westville Rotary July 1, 1988 and today, as West Jersey, Gloucester County Rotary, it draws upon the strength and experience of Rotarians from two Gloucester County clubs.

West Deptford was sponsored by Deptford Rotary and was formed under the special guidance of Peter N. Butler, who was made a Paul Harris Fellow by West Deptford on charter night. Edwin T. Shultz was governor of District 764 when the club started.

Original luncheon meetings were conducted at the old Gridiron Restaurant in Thorofare. They shifted to Bull's Head Tavern in Woodbury and to the Water Wheel Tavern in Woodbury Heights before moving to their current location at the Dutch Inn in Gibbstown.

West Deptford is a busy club which provides four scholarships annually to local high school students, just one of its countless charitable endeavors. The club is proud of its seven Paul Harris Fellows, and points with significant pride to the fact that its Interact Club at nearby Kingsway Regional High School has an active membership roster of more than 80 members.

Club members enjoy roasting their incoming presidents, and they particularly enjoy "booing" visiting Deptford Rotarians during their make-ups. The neighboring clubs have had a long, friendly, and competitive rivalry.

Sponsored by the Mt. Ephraim club and presented by District Governor Frank J. Quigley, Westville Rotary was chartered June 23, 1955 at the Holly House in Pennsauken with 23 members. One of the Westville charters, senior active Joe Papovich, remains highly active with his new club. John Barlow was Westville's charter president, and Papovich was vice president who became the second president. (Dr. A. Guy Campo, an active Rotarian who also was a charter member, passed away in 1988.)

Westville Rotary had a long and proud history of service to its community. The club initiated a theft prevention program in conjunction with local police, providing electric pens to mark personal property and placards for store windows to alert the townspeople about the project.

The club started a Junior Olympics program in local schools; built 12 benches and placed them in the park and along River Drive; held an Arbor Day Celebration; purchased trees which were planted by local students; participated in an annual jamboree with other clubs; sponsored two students annually to the RYLA.

Westville in 1974 introduced a resolution which urged the district governor to gain approval of all district delegates before adopting any major projects. That same year the club instituted a vocational achievement award for trainees at the Abilities Center of Southern New Jersey, Inc.

In 1976, Westville Rotarians sponsored a Bicentennial Art Contest for grade school students. First-place winners were taken on a tour of historic locations in Philadelphia and were presented a cash prize.

Westville sponsored both a Babe Ruth League baseball team and girls' softball team every year, and, as further indication of its support of young people, awarded a \$250 bond every year to Gateway Regional High School students in several academic categories.

Westville also introduced a resolution to the district governor recommending a blanket liability insurance policy for all district clubs. It eventually passed, and Westville Rotarians still consider this among the club's greatest accomplishments.

Presidents

1974-75	David Kruger	1982-83	Donald H. Wagner
1975-76	Thomas Reutter	1983-84	William Stout
1976-77	Louis F. Woll	1984-85	Clyde Walker
1977-78	G. Andrew Chesney	1985-86	Philip Zimm
1978-79	Clint Withers	1986-87	Harry E. Lindsley
1979-80	Mitchell Czoch	1987-88	Henry W. Bierbrunner
1980-81	Raymond Hess, Jr.	1988-89	Robert Jones
1981-82	Ronald Venuto	1989-90	Donald Zane