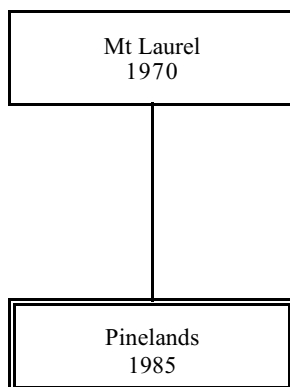


# Chapter 62

## Rotary Club of Pinelands, N.J.



## 75th Anniversary History of District 764

**Pinelands, NJ**

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Chartered	March 6, 1985	Meets :	Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at Countryside Restaurant, Medford-Indian Mills Rd., Indian Mills, NJ 08088 (609) 268-0600
Sponsored By	Mt. Laurel		

### Charter Members

OFFICE	NAME OF MEMBER
President	George P. Troup
President Elect	David C. Forward
Vice President	Joseph F. Kornicki
Secretary	Thomas F. Small, III
Treasurer	Robert P. Rump
Director	Ernest E. Bareuther, Jr.
Director	Malcolm E. Friedman
Director	Earl Gardner
Director	Wayne W. Smith
	Timothy W. Brookshaw
	Jireh Chao
	John Cianflone
	Jack A. Crosby
	Stephen S. Gardocki
	John Lazos
	Bernard J. Martin
	Jack McGinnis
	Richard L. O'Neal
	Robert O'Neal
	Donald P. Rokes
	Carl K. Rudisill
	Henry W. Stinsman
	Vernon K. Tomlinson
	George H. Wiker
	Raymond L. Worrell
	Donald J. Yeager, PDG

### Presidents

1985-86	George Troup
1986-87	David Forward
1987-88	Joseph Komicki
1988-89	Wayne Smith
1989-90	Henry Stinsman

### Pinelands Has Proved to Be Project-Oriented Since Inception

In 1984, membership in the 45-year-old Medford-Vincentown Rotary Club had grown to the extent that the time seemed ideal to form a second area club that would comprise Rotarians from the neighboring communities of Shamong and Tabernacle townships. And thus, under the direction of Past District Governor Bob Ekelburg and the sponsorship of Mt. Laurel Rotary, the new Pinelands Rotary Club was granted its charter on March 6, 1985.



Members of Pinelands Rotary receiving a certificate of recognition for South Jersey Rotary Golf donation to The Children's Hospital for Southern New Jersey. Pinelands has sponsored South Jersey Rotary Golf outings since 1985.

The charter was presented on May 15 that year at the Venice Plaza in Berlin, with District Governor Harold B. Smick, Jr. presiding. The huge event was attended by 300 including 26 charter Pinelands Rotarians and their wives. Among them were charter president George Troup and his fellow officers David C. Forward (president-elect), Joseph F. Kornicki (vice president), Thomas F. Small (secretary) and Robert P. Rump (treasurer).

Because of their inspirational leadership and tireless direction through the first year of Pinelands' existence, both Smick and Ekelburg were elected as honorary members of the new club.

It did not take Pinelands long to take on its first community service project. The club provided the manpower - including a professional engineer - to trect playground equipment at the Shamong Township athletic field. During the two-weekend experience, it seemed each club member became a self-SO.

Although Pinelands is still one of the youngest clubs in District 764, it quickly has emerged as one of the most project-oriented among the 65.

As examples, Pinelands has provided funds for the completion the Santo Domingo orphanage in the Dominican Republic, has offered labor and materials for the erection of a new bulletin board at the Tabernacle Town Hall, and has given manpower and other support to the women's committee for the annual Memorial Day Parade. And since its early involvement, Pinelands now has taken over sponsorship of the popular event.

It's obvious the club loves a parade. Besides its Memorial Day efforts, Pinelands organizes the Fourth of July Parade for Tabernacle and Shamong townships.

Other projects have included organizing a food bank and pantry for the distribution of food baskets to needy families throughout the service district; providing smoke alarms to the local fire companies for community-wide distribution; sole sponsorship of the local American Red Cross; blood donor programs and drives in Shamong and Tabernacle townships; manpower to park cars at the annual Cranberry Festival at Chatsworth; and sponsorship of Interact, a job bank, and career day at Shawnee High School.

But by far Pinelands' most ambitious project has been raising seed money for the proposed Pediatric Wing at the Cooper Medical Center in Camden in a combined effort with the Voorhees and Mt. Laurel clubs. The facility will provide for the treatment of children in a 10-county region of Southern New Jersey and will be the only one of its kind across the river from Philadelphia.

Funds have been raised for the project through the erection of a wall mural depicting the tree of life, which is comprised of gold leaves and branches, and has rocks at the base.

The name of each donor will be inscribed on a leaf or rock. When the hospital's new wing is completed, the Moral will be permanently mounted on a lobby wall. When it is finished, the project will have provided more than \$1.5 million from the combined Rotarian effort.

Pinelands' rapid emergence in Rotary as a community-minded club is a tribute to its dynamic membership and to its adherence to the lofty goals of Rotary International.