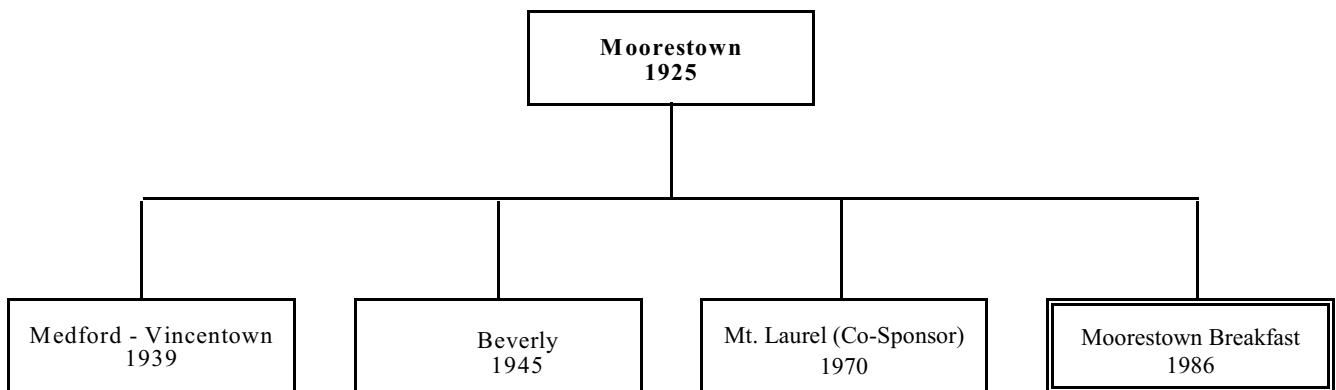


Chapter 63

Rotary Club of Moorestown Breakfast, N.J.



75th Anniversary History of District 764

Moorestown Breakfast, NJ

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Organized	May 6, 1986	Meets :	Wednesdays at 7:15 am at Moorestown Community House 16 E. Main St., Moorestown, NJ 08057 (609) 235-0326
Chartered	July 1, 1986		
Sponsored By	Moorestown		

Charter Members

OFFICE	NAME OF MEMBER	CLASSIFICATION
President	Richard Leuliette	Concrete Pipe Mfg.
President Elect	Frederick Young	Heating Oil
Vice President	John Button	Management Consultant Services
Secretary	James F. Hammitt	Attorney-Litigation
Treasurer	D. Michael Carmody, Jr.	Public Accounting Service
Director	Robert L. Willis	Child Care Centers
	Salvatore Alessi	Attorney-Defense & Municipal
	Philip Cooper	Dentistry
	John E. Dietz	Roofing Construction
	Arthur Eldred	Hardware Retail
	David Friedman	Insurance Pension Consultant
	Brian D. Geary	Obstetrics & Gynecology
	Jack Ginsberg	Endodontia
	Peter Green	Law Practice-Insurance
	Joseph N. Gross	Industrial Plant Maintenance
	Raymond E. Grossman	Employee Benefits Director
	Ralph H. Hagan	Insurance Broker
	C. William Haines	Fruit Grower
	Jack Hall	Banking
	Richard Hamilton	Casualty Management Systems
	Bruce G. Kerr, Sr.	Bldg. Construction-Residential
	Doug Lewis	Funeral Director
	David J. Madara	Insurance-Property
	Michael G. O'Connor, II	Freelance Artist
	A. Kenneth Peacock	Commodities Broker
	Donald Petroski	Gastroenterology
	Robert J. Ricci	Financial Planning
	Edward Sleeper	Veterinary Medicine
	Steven S. Tapper	Building
	Charles J. Turner	Real Estate
	James K. Wujcik	Banking (Add'l Active)
	James Yocum	Law Practice-General

Presidents

1986-87	Richard Leuliette
1987-88	Frederick Young
1988-89	Joseph N. Gross
1989-90	D. Michael Carmody, Jr.

Moorestown Breakfast First Rotary Chartered During 1986-87

The Moorestown Rotary Breakfast Club had the distinction of being the first new Rotary chartered in the entire Rotary world during 1986-87. Moorestown also has made its mark as one of the most successful new clubs in Rotary International, with 14 attending the first breakfast meeting on May 6, 1986, 32 becoming charter members on July 1, 1986, and membership soaring past 50 during 1988.

On April 24, 1986, the 61-year-old Moorestown Luncheon Club endorsed the efforts of Dick Leutiette and Rick Young to start a breakfast club in Moorestown. They reasoned that there was a place in Moorestown for a second Rotary comprised of business and professional men who could not regularly attend luncheon meetings, but who still wanted to serve their community through the lofty goals of Rotary International.



The 14 who attended the first breakfast with luncheon club representatives decided on the name "Moorestown Rotary Breakfast Club." Three interim officers were elected: Leutiette as president, Young as vice president, and Jim Hammill as secretary.

"Although the meeting took place with folding tables, three boxes of doughnuts purchased by Dick Leutiette and some makeshift coffee, we were off and running," Hammill recalls.

During the inaugural meeting, Steve Jacques, then chef at Enchante Restaurant, and his wife agreed to be the club chefs.

When the club was unable to secure Moorestown Community House -the current site - for some of its early meetings, it met either at the local firehouse or in Leutiette's home.

There was considerable interest among the club nucleus and a successful flurry of recruiting. In fact, when Moorestown's charter interested Rotarians to 32 charter members.

was delivered on July 1, 1986 through the sponsorship of the luncheon club, the roster had grown from 14
The cover from Moorestown Breakfast's club bulletin

With the unflinching support of the established Moorestown Luncheon Club and the assistance of District Governor Ruben R. Blanc, the breakfast club received its charter on Sept. 25, 1986 at the Landmark Inn.

All district clubs were represented at the charter event, lending their moral and financial backing. The growth of the club has been somewhat remarkable. In the spring of 1987, Moorestown Breakfast Club received a free weekend for two to the district conference because of its extraordinary membership gains. During its first nine months, membership had grown to 52.

The club also qualified for a presidential citation during this period.

The club has benefitted from the addition of experienced and dedicated Rotarians such as Alvin LeBreton, whose leadership by example has helped inspire other club members.

Moorestown Breakfast Club wasted little time becoming involved in its community. With the organizational structure in place, the club had a penny auction as its initial fund-raiser in 1987. Attendance and proceeds far exceeded the membership's expectations. Since that venture, the club has successfully promoted an annual "win-a-trip" project. During 1989, Moorestown put on its most ambitious fund-raising event, a 510,000 gold raffle. The grand prize drawing was held at Riverton Country Club.

One of the club's many pluses has been its monthly bulletin which Mike O'Connor has ably handled since it started. O'Connor writes of the many activities the club has been involved in during its infancy: The Rotary Run; Challenge Softball Game with the Luncheon Club; District 764 conferences; annual picnic at Bill Haines' home; scholarship awards at Moorestown High School; and the gift of a hearing aid for a 7-year-old Moorestown girl. Of the tatter event, Hammill points out, "It made everyone very proud that they are Rotarians."

Moorestown has a strong Interact program which focuses on the problems young people face such as drugs and alcohol.

Moorestown has actively participated in the PolioPlus, Program. On May 23, 1988 it sponsored a Home

Hospitality Night for visiting Rotarians who attended the Rotary International Convention in Philadelphia. David Madara was the organizer and Rob Willis the host at an outdoor Texas-style barbecue at his home. Moorestown Rotarians still have contact with some of their guests.

When Steve Jacques retired after the birth of their first child, George Mastoris and Spiro Millilis assumed the task of providing the breakfasts.

"However, our club's uniqueness is found not so much in the high quality of the food or the particular hour that we meet, but rather in our loose, unpretentious, open and friendly way of doing things," club historian Hammill says.

