

Chapter 64

Rotary Club of Cherry Hill Breakfast, N.J.

Garden St of Cherry Hill
1976

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1988

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Organized	June 1, 1988	Meets :	Thursdays at 7:15 am at Ponzio's Kingsway Diner & Rest., Route 70 & Ellisburg Circle, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 (609) 428-4808
Chartered	August 26, 1988		
Sponsored By	Garden State of Cherry Hill		

Charter Members

OFFICE	NAME OF MEMBER	CLASSIFICATION
President	Frank Slattery	CPA
President Elect	Phyllis Pearl	Commercial Insurance
Vice President	Ralph Crowder	Auto Retailer
Secretary	Charles Steiner	Banking
Treasurer	Mark Rosenthal	Financial Planner
	Stephen Adams	R.E. Syndication
	Warren Brandies	General Insurance
	Raymond Console	General Law
	Dolores DiNote	Savings & Loan Assoc,
	Raymond Faucher	Payroll Set.
	Russell Githens	Elec. Supplies
	John Holden	Title Ins.
	William Hurff	Trash Container
	Arnold Kammer	Pension Admin. Serv.
	Gregory Keller	C.P.A.
	John Logue	Civil Engineering
	Earl Marks	Sec. Brokerage
	Dennis McHenry	Dentist
	Michael Miller	Commercial Real Estate
	Marls Newmark	Interior Design
	Steven Pelzer	Hotels
	Edward Quinn	Prolessional Photographer
	Gary Schenk	
	Joseph Schooley	Electrical Contracting
	Mathew Segal	Real Estate Law

Presidents

1988-89	Frank Slattery
1989-90	Phyllis Pearl

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The idea of a Rotary breakfast club in Cherry Hill was started during Arthur Hilkert's year as President of Garden State Rotary, and was continued through the presidencies of John Kehr and James Horowitz.

In May, 1988, approval for the formation of the club, sponsored by Garden State Rotary, was announced jointly by District Governor Kenneth E. Thorpe; District Governor Nominee Arthur Gilbert; Cherry Hill Rotary President Les Gallagher; and Garden State President Horowitz.



PHYLLIS PEARL

The new club held its first organizational meeting June 2 at the Cherry Hill Hyatt and, during the meeting, the name Garden State Breakfast Rotary Club of Cherry Hill was adopted. Jack Evans, president-elect of the Garden State club, served as District 764 representative for the sponsoring club.

Frank Slattery, Joseph P. Schooley and Steve Petzer each resigned from the Garden State Rotary and funned the nucleus of the new club. Slattery was elected charter president and Phyllis Pearl president-elect, while Ralph Crowder (vice president), Charles Stienes (secretary) and Mark Rosenthal (first treasurer, to be succeeded by Earl Marks) also were elected officers. Schooley was named a charter director along with Dolores DiNote, Raymond Faucher, and Dennis McHenry.

The new club's first meeting as a provisional club was July 7 at Ponzio's Diner in Cherry Hill, and charter application was forwarded to Rotary International by DG Gilbert Aug. 16 with 27 charter members. Ten days later, R.I. approved the charter.

Then, on Nov. 3, the club changed its original name to Cherry Hill Rotary Breakfast Club. It celebrated its charter night Nov. 30 at the Sheraton Poste Inn in Cherry Hill with 400 District 764 Rotarians and their guests in attendance.

The club had a successful fledging year in the fund-raising arena. Three different fund-raising events netted over \$12,000 and an additional \$3,000 was raised through assessment of fines and auctions. During its first year, the Cherry Hill Rotary Breakfast Club donated 52,600 to the Alternative School for its building project; \$2,000 to Rotary Foundation; \$1,000 to the Cooper Hospital Foundation to help finance construction of the children's wing; and \$750 to the Cherry Hill Rotary (Evening) Club's Scholarship Foundation. The club also sponsored two junior high school students at the District 764 RYLA program.

The club was busy exhibiting service above self elsewhere, too.

It took part in the district's Finland Group Study Exchange by housing Iwo Finns for several nights as well as providing transportation. It provided funds and manpower to sponsoring Garden State club for its Christmas party for special kids. It purchased food baskets and delivered them to the needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas. It provided funds for the District 764 Rotary Drug Abuse Committee by arranging free rooms for visiting young artists who spoke about their personal experiences with drugs and alcohol.

The club is represented on the Cherry Hill Drug Alliance Committee. Its members took part in the planning of the Cherry Hill Cherry Blossom Parade and Rotary Run.

In just its first year, club membership soared from 27 to 40.

At the club's first annual installation and appreciation night at the Hyatt on June 28, 1989, Phyllis Pearl was installed as second president of the club by DGN Mike Kittis.

And, significantly, Phyllis became the first woman elected to the presidency of a District 764 Rotary club in the history of the district.

