

Meets Every Wednesday at Noon - Wayside Inn

Club Officers 1944-45

President	Thomas E. Heathcote, Rockaway
Vice President	James S. Whiton, Denville
Secretary	Herman C. Moritz, Rockaway
Treasurer	William J. Richards, Rockaway

Board of Directors

Charles Curtis	Rev. Charles L. Mead and
Raymond Wright	Robert S. Jenkins, Jr.
William H. Crane	(Denville)
(Rockaway)	

The above officers and board of directors were elected at the organization meeting forming the Rockaway-Denville Rotary Club. This meeting was held on 19 October 1944 at the Wayside Inn, Denville. Sam Bryant, President of the sponsoring club, Dover Rotary Club, and Morris Bush, Vice President of the Dover Club in addition to several directors were also present. Speaker of the evening was Charles L. Steel, Rotary District Governor, from Teaneck, New Jersey.

It was noted that the classification lists of the original invited members will be checked, together with the classifications of those business men who have signified their desire to join the new Rotary Club. Only one full membership is allowed in each classification, plus an associate where the first member is willing.

Frank G. Lankard, Dean of Brothers College, Drew University was speaker to the Club. He called the vision of Rotary as "organized friendship," a cooperative group endeavoring to accomplish things which individuals cannot do alone. Dean Lankard illustrated his talk with stories of socially valuable things which Rotary has accomplished the world over. He said Rotary as an international organization will revive after the war. He noted some groups in occupied Europe are still meeting secretly.

Over 200 persons attended the first public dinner meeting of the Club held at the Wayside Inn in January. The purpose of this meeting was to honor members and coaches of the championship Rockaway High School football team. The Club presented gold footballs to the boys while the Rockaway Board of Education gave them sweaters. The Rockaway Team was awarded the championship of Group I, Section 2, of Northern New Jersey by the NJ SIAA at Trenton. The team scored 204 points to opponents 53, and lost only one game to Boonton. The Rotary Club was challenged that evening by William Richards, member of the Board of Education, to get behind the Board and help give Rockaway High School students the same advantage that the larger County high schools give their students. Thomas Heathcote, Rotary President, assured everyone of the Club's support.

The Club's program and activities in Rotary became so successful in a few months of operation that the sponsoring Dover Club was relieved of the duty of sending special representatives to watch over the new group.

It is not surprising then that 500 attended Charter Night of the Club on Wednesday, 25 April 1945 at a dinner meeting held at the Knoll Country Club. Presentation of the Charter was made by Charles L. Steel, District Governor. The influence of Rotary in furthering international good will and understanding was the theme of the address by J. Raymond Tiffany, a past Vice President of Rotary International. The Club was presented a large American and Rotary flags by William Gardner as a memorial to Fred Henn, Sr., a charter member who died recently. A table sized Rotary banner was presented as a gift from the Dover Rotary by Morris Bush, President Elect. The Hawthorne Club gave a bell, Lodi a banner, Teaneck a guest register, and T. A. Newlin a table desk. Walter D. Head, Past President of Rotary International, inducted four new members into the Club: Charles T. Nichols and George S. Chemey of Rockaway and George F. Szibdat and Howard Lee of Denville.

Harry Smith served as general chairman for the Charter Night ceremonies. Herman Moritz, Samuel Amster and Fred Crans assisted Benjamin Greenwood with ticket sales.