

BIRTH OF THE KIWANIS CLUB OF MERIDEN (CT):

The organizational meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Meriden was held on February 24, 1930. The following officers were elected:

President - Carl M. Diefenbach

Ice President - Albert Flatow

Secretary - Charles Z. Swisher

Treasurer - Hugh C. Morgan

District Trustee - Francis B. Howes

Directors - Claude M. Bradford, Louis A. Johns, Warren J. Packer, Allan D. Shirley, Lewis J. Somers, and Stanley B. White.

Walter E. Harmon of Portland, Maine, the New England representative of Kiwanis International instituted the new local Kiwanis Club at the Cabin Grill on March 3, 1930. The objects of Kiwanis International, which remain the same today, were read and explained to the new members. The regular meetings of the Club were held each Monday afternoon at 12:15 PM at the Cabin Grill on State Street.

The following committees were then formed:

Kiwanis Education

Publicity and Music

Underprivileged Children

and Vocational Guidance

Public Affairs and Agriculture

Finance Committee

International Club Relations

Laws and Registration

Goodwill and Grievance

House, Reception and Attendance.

The formal presentation of the charter to the Kiwanis Club of Meriden was held on Monday evening, May 12, 1930, at 7:30 PM, at the Masonic Temple. The gala affair was attended by more than 200 for the banquet and program.

Charter Members were:

Claude M. Bradford

Edward B. Chalmers

Morris C. Chase

Carl M. Diefenbach

Albert Flatow

A. Irving Green

George H. Hill

Francis B. Howes

Louis A. Johns

Saul D. Leades

Francis S. Lippitt

Hugh C. Morgan

John F. Molloy

Warren J. Parker

David W. Parke

Sheldon S. Roby

Selig Schwartz

Allen D. Shirley

Lewis J. Somers

William H. Stippich

Charles Z. Swisher

Edward L. Van Ry

Philip M. White

Stanley B. White

Edwin B. Wilkinson