

Permanent organization of the Wenatchee Kiwanis Club, 29th in the state of Washington, was effected April 17, 1925 in the Elks Dining Room with over 50 members present. Guests present were Past Dist' Governor C. C. Lantry, Spokane, Fred Syverson, president of the Spokane Club and Robin Wilts, president Mt. Vernon Club. C. H. Lincoln, Kiwanis Field Representative, presided.

Officers elected were: C. B. Conner, president; Stanley Prior, vice president; Dr. H. Baer, secretary; E. M. Flood, treasurer; N. M. Sorenson, District trustee and the following club trustees: Sam Mills, C. E. Buttles, N. M. Jones, J. A. Freeland, J. W. Young, Dr. F. E. Culp, ^{and} G. I. Griffith. Thursday noon was selected as the weekly meeting time and the Elks Dining Room the place.

Organization of the Wenatchee club followed visits to Ellensburg Kiwanis by N. M. Sorenson and R. H. Maus. At the same time C. B. Conner was in contact with Fred Syverson, president of the Spokane Club. These three joined their efforts and formation of the local club came in due course. Kiwanis ^{International} at this time was ten years old and there were about 95,000 members.

Charter presentation night was Friday June 12 in the Elks Club Gymnasium. Two hundred Kiwanians were present including 52 Wenatchee members. The following cities were ²⁰presented: Ellensburg, Spokane, Pasco, Walla Walla, Yakima, Everett, Elma Shelton and Olympia.

District Governor Jimmy Neel of Walla Walla delivered the address of the evening and C. B. Conner made the response. Other speakers were: Lt. Gov. Judge Ralph Kaufman, Ellensburg; Fred Syverson, Spokane; Past Dist. Gov. C. C. Lantry, Spokane; Rev. N. M. Jones, Rev. D. McMasters of the local Methodist and Baptist Churches, respectively; Wellington Pegg, President of Wenatchee Rotary club and Robert Crompton of the Wenatchee Lion's Club. Senator J. A. McCauley of Ellensburg presented a large flag to Wenatchee from the sponsoring Club, Ellensburg Kiwanis.

Charter members of the Wenatchee Club present were: Bert McManus, L. T. Armstrong, A. J. O'Leary, C. E. Buttles, Arthur Cockrum, Alfred E. Clarke, Weldon W. Yerxa, George E. Harter, G. I. Griffith, Fred H. Schroeder, C. B. Conner, H. S. Savage, John Rolin, N. M. Sorenson, Jack Young, Wilkie H. Rice, Carl J. Brown, N. M. Jones, Robert H. Maus, D. McMasters, Ira J. Lapp, William Dickson, L. W. Mickel, Leon L. Russell, Dr. C. M. Warrant, Charles E. Cobb, Dr. Frank E. Culp, Dr. H. Baer, C. W. Reed, C. P. Fay, E. M. Flood, George L. Thompson, Eugene M. Miller, C. E. Peck, Philip Rose, Bruce Crook, Charles J. Bock, George A. Sellar, Lloyd H. Corle, E. F. Magee, Dr. J. E. Harding, Dr. L. E. Hutchinson, J. A. Freeland, F. C. Shurtleff, M. S. Stewart, A. W. Hess, Dewey Webb, S. C. Prior, Sam M. Mills, G. E. Churchill, ~~Myron Foster~~, and Matt M. Welsh. 25

Of the foregoing Charter members: 27 are deceased; 10 deleted and still live in Wenatchee, 11 deleted and live elsewhere; four are still active members: Sam M. Mills, Mel Stewart, Dr. L. E. Hutchinson and Robert H. Maus.

/s/ by Robert H. Maus

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