

1925-1990 HISTORIC HIGHLIGHTS--KIWANIS CLUB OF WENATCHEE

April 17, 1925: Club organized with 50 members; Chartered June 12 with 54 members. Jointly sponsored by Ellensburg and Spokane. First club in North Central Washington; 29th in State of Washington; 52nd club in the Pacific Northwest District; number 1371 in all of Kiwanis.

Meetings: Originally Thursday noon at Elks Dining Room until 1926; moved to new Cascadian Hotel and Wednesday noon; changed to Tuesday noon in mid 1950s; moved to Columbia Hotel in 1972 when Cascadian closed; to the Franklin House when Columbia closed; to Wenatchee Center in 1982; and to present location at the Red Lion in 1985.

Membership: After chartering, the club thrived and grew, membership usually hovering at the 100 mark through the years. But on October 1, 1977, had dwindled to 52 members. The all-time high of 126 was recorded in February 1985. Currently membership stands at 111.

A few Projects & Activities: Ongoing support for Zanika Lache Camp Fire Camp at Lake Wenatchee since establishment in 1929; Hosted 1934 District Convention in Wenatchee, 800+ attending; Holy Week interdenominational services annually since 1950; Annual Kids Christmas party, with Santa, gifts and lunch for 70-80 selected youngsters (financed by members 'Hard Times Party'); Yearly Pancake Breakfast at festival-time; established charitable foundation in 1962 with \$19,000 real estate gift. Other memorable projects over the years include a series of early minstrel shows; Youth Talent Shows during 1947-52; Hole-in-One golf tourneys in the 1950s; Week-long high school student exchanges with Penticton youth in the 1960s; Barbershop Quartette Festivals, 1977-83. Established a Hearing Aid bank. Initiated annual city-wide Kiwanis Riverfront spring clean-up. Sponsored a variety of youth programs, including Up With People shows, Big Brother-Big Sister relationships; Drug Alert, DARE and others; Boy Scout, Camp Fire, Little League, Youth Hockey, Soccer, Handicapped Skiing, Boys and Girls State, SKY, KEY, Circle K, etc, etc.

15 New Clubs Sponsored: Omak, July 30, 1931; Ephrata (jointly), Sept 9, 1946; Manson (jointly w/Omak), Feb. 28, 1949; Peshastin, April 14, 1952; East Wenatchee, Oct. 28, 1953; Apple Valley, April 7, 1966; Upper Wenatchee Valley, Dec. 5, 1979; Quincy Valley, Jan. 31, 1980; Cashmere, June 10, 1980; Eastmont, Sept 24, 1980; Pateros (jointly w/Manson), Dec. 17, 1981; Eastmont A.M., Feb. 7, 1984; Riverview, May 29, 1986; Wenatchee Golden K, Sept. 28, 1988.

Leadership Development: In the 65-year history of this club, there have been but 9 Secretaries, two of whom later served as Lt-Governors. 19 past presidents are currently members in good standing. The club has, over the years, furnished 17 Lt-Governors and two District Governors to help shape policy and growth for Kiwanis in the Pacific Northwest. Many of these have also provided committee leadership at the District and International levels.

65 Years Young...And Looking Forward to the Future!!