**HISTORY OF**

**ROTARY CLUB OF UPPER KITTITAS COUNTY**

**MISSION STATEMENT – 2011 - 2012**

**Enhancing communities and citizens, both in Upper Kittitas County and abroad, while inspiring our youth through service projects.**

**VISION STATEMENT – 2011 - 2012**

**To accomplish our mission by a fun, energetic group of civic-minded individuals who embrace everu opportunity to educate through scholarships and financial support. We recognize our community members who share in our passion for service and exhibit the Rotarian “4 Way Test”. We reach our goals one service project, one scholarship, one fundraiser at a time.**

**MOTTO**

**KIDS, SPORTS & COMMUNITY**

**Rotary Club of Upper Kittitas County**

**District 5060**

**Club Number 57545**

**Zone 24**

**Area 8**

**Charter Sponsor – William ‘Bill’ Rowley**

**Chartering Club – Ellensburg Morning or Noon????????????????????????????**

**Charter Date – March 6, 2002  
Charter Night Celebration – April 10, 2002. Joyce Stewart, District Governor did the formal induction and presentation.**

**CHARTER MEMBERS:**

**Nick Henderson Gary Berndt Cheryl Marusa**

**George Cockill Ida Knutson Craig Nevil**

**John Mosley Dave Sandona Llinda Ringer**

**Ben Goldie Wanda Goldie Jean Krisle**

**Paul Ingram**

**CLUB PRESIDENTS:**

**2002 – 2003 Ida Knutson 2003 – 2004 Beth Marker**

**2004 – 2005 George Cockill 2005 – 2006 Virginia Campbell**

**2006 – 2007 Virginia Campbell 2007 – 2008 Gary Berndt**

**2008 – 2009 Greg Hall 2009 – 2010 Eric Terrill**

**2010 – 2011 Kim Headrick 2011 – 2012 Ray Miller**

**2012 – 2013 Jodi (Snyder) Larsen 2013 – 2014 Richard Kloss**

**2014 – 2015 Marc Kirkpatrick 2015 - 2016 Nathan Weis, P.E.**

**2016 – 2017 ????, Pres. Nominee**

**MEETINGS - All meeting from the beginning to the present start at 7 A.M.**

**MEETING LOCATIONS:**

**1st Location – Cottage Café in Cle Elum**

**2nd Location – Colliery Room in the Prospector Inn at Suncadia**

**3rd –Archies Den in the Propsector Inn at Suncadia**

**4th –Location – Fireside Lounge at the Cottage Café in Cle Elum**

**5th –*Location* – Sunset Café in Cle Elum**

**6th –Location – Portals Restaurant in the Lodge at Suncadia since 2010 to the present**

**Board Meetings are held monthly on the last Monday or Tuesday before the last Wednesday of the month.**

**First Fundraiser – Golf Tournament. 2 years after the first tournament it became known as the Jack Patera (former Seatle Seahawks Coach) Golf Tournament. The tournament was cancelled in 2006 and started backup in 2008 which continues to the present time. At the end of the tournaments, we held a dinner/auction. At the 2013 – 1014 tournament, the format was changed from a dinner/auction to a dinner/raffle in which all the food was donated by local establishments. This format proved to be popular with the attendees.**

**OTHER FUNDRAISERS:**

**Annual Snowmachine FUNd Run on the 4th Saturday of January. First FUNd Run was 2012 – 2013. The 2013 – 2014 was cancelled due to lack of snow, but will return in 2014- 2015 – this event was cancelled due to lack of snow.**

**Cruise Cle Elum Car Show – This event was sponsored in the past by the Cle Elum Chamber of Commerce. The 2014 event was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Upper Kittitas County. Our first year was very successful and everyone from club members to participants, to spectators are already looking forward to next year and beyond.**

**PROJECTS WE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:**

**2002 – 2003 the club hosted the inbound GSE team from Wales.**

**Canopy of Caring – Created in 2003 – 2004. It was designed to support broad programs, especially food baskets and a giving tree. The programs continues to the present time.**

**2004 – 2005 the club hosted visiting Thailand Rotarians. In addition, that same year funds were donated for the water crisis in Thailand and tsunami relief. During the same year, funds were donated for cleft palate work in Bolivia.**

**Sponsored an Interact Club at the local middle school and one at the High School.**

**Paul Harris Fellows –**

**Gary Berndt – PHF Eric Terrill – PHF**

**Jodi Larsen – PHF +1 Richard Kloss – PHF+3**

**Rotary Club of Upper Kittitas County & Interact**

**Projects and Contributions**

**Operation Harvest – Joint**

**2-3 Food Drives Annually – Interact**

**Warrior Boosters – Major Donor (Financial)**

**School Sports Program Sponsor (Financial)**

**Community Pea Patch**

**FCCLA State Trip Sponsor (financial)**

**Easton Archers (Financial)**

**4-H and FFA (Financial)**

**School Reader Board (Financial)**

**Little Authors elementary Program – Joint (Financial)**

**We Scare Hunger – Interact**

**Chimp Sanctuary – Interact (Financial)**

**ARRF Animal Rescue – Joint (Financial)**

**Taylor Bridge Fire (Financial)**

**International School Building Ecuador – Interact**

**Adoption Program for Puppy Mill Breeders – Interact**

**Stocking and letters to the troops – Interact**

**The Red Cross for Haitian Earthquake Relief – Interact**

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Hurricane Katrina Relief – Interact**

**Vow of Silence anti-bullying campaign – Interact**

**Disaster Preparedness Fair – Interact**

**Swauk Teanaway Grange Auction Assistant – Interact**

**Heritage Festival Staff & Support – Interact**

**Douglas Munro Gun Restoration (Financial) - Joint**

**Cemetery Flag Placement Memorial Day – Interact**

**Construction of Memorial (Flag Pole) Park – Interact**

**Youth baseball team and field sponsor**

**Early Childhood Readers (donated Kindles) – Joint**

**The Pig Out (Financial and bodies) – Joint Rotary $1000 Interact donated 3 I-Pods for Giveaways**

**The Heritage Festival – Interact serves dinner**

**Sons of Italy Dinner – Interact Serves**

**Adopt a highway – Rotary has 970 Interact as 903**

**The Vietnam Wall – Joint**

**4th of July Parade – Joint**

**Cruise Cle Elum**

**Snowmobile Fun’d Run**

**Youth Leadership Camp Arizona – Joint**

**Scholarship program – Financial donated $24,000 this year with 3 renewable scholarships of $10,000**

**MouseAbout Cancer Softball Tourney – Financial plus a team and auction prizes (Joint)**

**Summer Youth Activity Program – Financial**

**Drug Free Youth Retreat – Financial**

**Crash & Gear After School Program – Financial**

**Canopy of Caring Holiday Food Baskets – Joint $500 each**

**Giving Tree Gifts – we purchase gifts for the trees. Joint effort**

**Upper County Coat Drive – Joint**

**Donated Labor as an Auction item to ARRF – Interact**

**Plant Flowers in the Baskets Down Town – Purchase and planted Interact**

**Teacher appreciation breakfast – Purchased and cooked by Interact**

**Guatemala Literacy Program – Financial Rotary**

**Literacy Campaign Book Drive and awareness - Interact**

**KC Fire District 7 – (financial) Interact to support fire awareness for kids**

**Library Summer Reading Program (financial) Interact**

**Purchased a Tile & Pledged money for the Animal Shelter – Joint**

**Doggie & Troll Olympics to benefit ARRF and the chimp sanctuary - Interact Man Power**

**Move Plaques and trees to Cemetery – Rotary**

**Place Plaques in Ground and prune all the trees – Interact**

**Back Pack & School Supply Drive – Joint**

**Cheerleaders, football, softball, etc prior to boosters – Financial**

**Re-designed and painted the “Troops” sign at Flagpole Park – Interact**

**Lake Easton State Park Recycling Program – Interact**

**Telephone Museum Financial – Joint**

**Restoration of Briarwood Cemetery - Interact**

**Cemetery Clean-up and Maintenance in Roslyn - Joint**

**Partnership with Taylor Bridge Lodge Term Recovery Group**

**Flag placement on Veterans headstones for Memorial Day – Interact**

**Junior Achievement**

**Guatemala Literacy Project**

**Polio Eradication**

**Lorax Tree Project – Joint**

**Community Clinic**

**Cle Elum Halloween and Christmas Celebrations – Joint**

**Youth Alcohol/Drug Abuse – Joint**

**Youth after school program**

**Youth baseball team sponsor**

**Prepared by Richard Kloss, Club Historian**

*Interact sends helpers to any event and fundraiser to help any other organization upon request. We do not ask for donations we simply offer the service as many clubs have elderly members who cannot do the work. To date (in the last 3 years) Interact has raised and donated over $20,000 to various local and global organizations and agencies including $10,000.00 for the construction of a new school in Ecuador.*