**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 every 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 28**

**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 Cheri Marusa**

**George Cockill Ida Knutson Craig Nevil**

**John Mosley Dave Sandona Linda Ringer**

**Ben Goldie Wanda Goldie Jean Krisle**

**Paul Ingram**

**MEMBERS WHO LEFT US TOO EARLY:**

**David Lockwood joined March 28, 2007 and died July 27, 2009**

**Craig Nevil rejoined May 11, 2011 and died September 9, 2016**

**Kevin Sand joined January 28, 2015 and died April 3, 2017**

**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**

**2016 – 2017 Judy Hallisey 2017 – 2018 John Storch**

**2018 – 2019 John Storch 2019 - 2020 Patricia Miller Jerke**

**2020 – 2021 Beverly Gonyea 2021 - 2022 Matthew Lundh**

**2022 – 2023 Stephanie Bohman 2023 – 2024 Sarah Day PE**

**MEETINGS - All meetings 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 –Location – Archie’s Den in the Prospector 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 October 15, 2018 when the Lodge sustained a fire mainly in the kitchen area.**

**7th Location – Fireside Lounge at the Cottage Café in Cle Elum from October 17, 2018 to January 2022**

**#8 Location – Gravity Coffee February 2022 to the present**

**Board Meetings are held monthly on the last Monday or Tuesday before the last Wednesday of the month. This date has changed effective July, 2022. The Board meetings are now held on the 4th Wednesday of each month.**

**First Fundraiser – Golf Tournament. 2 years after the first tournament it became known as the Jack Patera (former Seattle Seahawks Coach) Golf Tournament. Jack Patera put his name on the tournament to help raise seed money for a community swimming pool. The tournament was cancelled in 2006 and started back up in 2008 which continues to the present time. At the end of the tournaments, we held a dinner/auction. At the 2013 – 2014 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 FUN ’d Run on the 4th Saturday of January. The first FUN ’d Run was 2012 – 2013. The 2013 – 2014 was cancelled due to lack of snow, as was the 2014- 2015. –**

**Cruise Cle Elum Car Show on the 3rd Saturday of August each year. 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 were 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 program 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.**

**Rotary chartered Interact in 2011. There are a middle school and high school clubs.**

**The club sponsored the Cruise Cle Elum Car Show from 2014 – 2019.**

**In 2015, 10 kids and 4 chaperones traveled to South America. It was a 10 day trip into the Amazon Basin where they provided a school house and helped with clean water and financial sustainability. The trip ventured through over 350 miles of mountain and basin area and they helped 3 small villages. In 2017 club members traveled on another trip. The 2017 trip had 18 registered people and was an 8 day trip to the Dominican Republic to help children in developing countries.**

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

**Interact sends helpers to any event and fundraiser to help any other organization upon request. We do not ask for donations but simply offer the service to 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.**

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**After a survey of the club members, John Storch, club president, sent out the following:

Due to the level of evacuation notices for wide areas of Upper Kittitas County, including Level 1 notice for Suncadia, we canceled Wednesday's meeting.**

**Further, if fellow Rotarians are in need of assistance in any way,  please let the club know so we are able to assist.**

**For those not familiar with the Jolly Mountain Fire incident, more information regarding the evacuations can be found** [**here**](http://kitcogis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/view/index.html?appid=0750e823f65d4df2b0bc04003e33dac6)**.  Information regarding the fire incident is available** [**here**](https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5496/)**.**

**The club membership consisted of 19 males and 18 females in December, 2017.**

**On January 3, 2018 Sarah Zabik became a member of our club and the gender ratio was equal at 19 each. On January 10, 2018 Lindsey Ozbolt, an inactive member of the club re- joined our club and became an active member. This brought the gender ratio to 19 males and 20 females. This is the first time**

**the females were in the majority. Also, Maddie Zabik, who had been proposed for membership, was inducted in January, 2018 bringing the ratio to 19 males and 21 females.**

**Paul Harris Fellows –**

**Craig Ditman – PHF + 8 – 2004 Gary Berndt – PHF - 2009**

**Eric Terrill – PHF +1 – 2010 Richard Kloss – PHF+5 – 2011**

**Marc Kirkpatrick – PHF - 2015 Nathan Weis – PHF - 2016**

**Corey Atherton – PHF – 2016 John Storch – PHF – 2019**

**Patricia Miller Jerke PHF – 2020 Beverly Gonyea – PHF – 2021–**

**Matthew Lundh - PHF - 2022**

**Paul Harris Society – Craig Ditman - 2015**

**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 SR970 Interact as SR903**
* **The Vietnam Wall – Joint**
* **4th of July Parade – Joint**
* **Cruise Cle Elum**
* **Snowmobile FUNd Run**
* **Youth Leadership Camp Arizona – Joint**
* **Scholarship program – Financial donated $24,000 this year with 3 renewable scholarships of $10,000**
* **Mouse About 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 Cle Elum – 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 – Joint**
* **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 - Joint**
* **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**
* **Courage Classic hydration station**
* **Comfy Closet donations to kids at the sexual abuse clinic in partnership with Courage Classic sponsors**

**“The Shop” Teen Center**

**The Shop project was kicked off in 2020 by Rotary’s “Think Big” committee which comprised of Jim Becker, Patricia Jerke, Stephanie Bohman, and Marc Kirkpatrick. Together they worked on a plan to develop a free, safe place for kids in the community to hang out all year long. It was quickly decided that Community Builders would be a wonderful partner to help develop this plan and manage it. Local students**

**Jayden Jameson, Jayden Lohnes, Shasta Marion and Keller Anderson were also a critical part in the planning process and making sure we create a space that teenage kids will want to be a part of. Once a budget was determined, fundraising began. Suncadia Community Enhancement Fund, Shoemaker Foundation, Rotary, and other private donors stepped up to cover $75k to operate the Teen Shop for the year. Inland Networks provided the amazing space at a discounted price. Many, many community members donated games, couches, tables and etc. to make it fun for a variety of users. June 18th, 2021 we were open to teenagers enjoying the space! You can find it at 218 E 1st St., Cle Elum, WA 98922. (This was contributed by Rotarian Marc Kirkpatrick)**

**Cle Elum City Park**

**Rotary was and is a big part of the recent improvements at Cle Elum City Park. For the past decade, many Rotarians have pulled up their sleeves and opened pocket books to help improve the park to what it is today. In 2014, Rotarians Eric Terrill, Corey Atherton, and Marc Kirkpatrick developed a plan and procured a Rotary District Grant to build a new basketball court and fencing with the help of other funds provided by businesses/organizations in the community. In 2019 and in partnership with the City and Kiwanis, Rotary provided dozens of picnic tables and benches for the new Kiwanis Gazebo. With this momentum, Rotary took the lead in developing a plan and strategy to add a state of the art playground. Partners included the City, Suncadia Community Enhancement Fund, Shoemaker Foundation and others. Project was** **completed in 2020 and one of the gems in our community. (This was contributed by Rotarian Marc Kirkpatrick)**

**Skatepark – need to add language….**

**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) – The first coronavirus case in Washington State was**

**announced on January 21, 2020. Governor Inslee issued a statewide stay-at-home order on March 23, 2020 to last at least to May 4, 2020. UKC Rotary started having virtual meetings that were well received. On April 22, 2020 the**

**club had its first induction via a virtual meeting. Mike Englehart was inducted and became the 41st member of UKC Rotary.**

**AREAS OF FOCUS** - **On June 30, 2021 The Rotary Foundation (TRF) updated its areas of focus to the following:**

**1, Disease Prevention and Treatment**

**2. Peace and Conflict Resolution**

**3. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene**

**4. Maternal and Child Health**

**5. Basic Education and Literacy**

**6. Economic and Community Development**

**7. Environment**

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**Prepared by Richard Kloss, Club Historian**