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In conjunction with the celebration of our 100 year anniversary of the Cheyenne Wyoming Kiwanis Club, it was agreed, with Board approval, to point out many of the past members that were instrumental in the development and continuation of our club for the past 100 years. The members below are only the first to be highlighted. Future plans are to identify other Legends of the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club in the following years highlighting their contributions and the over 3000 plus members that have been a part of the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club.



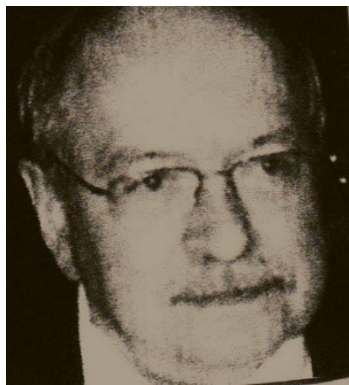
WILLIAM BRADFORD ROSS was the first president of the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club that was Chartered on January 27, 1922, with sixty-five charter members. He was an attorney born in Dover, Tennessee and moved to Cheyenne in 1901 with his wife Nellie Davis Tayloe Ross. While serving as Kiwanis President he was active in state politics and had previously run unsuccessfully for Wyoming's lone congressional seat and a 1918 unsuccessful run for Governor. In 1922, while serving on the Wyoming Board of Law Examiners and President of the Kiwanis Club of Cheyenne he was elected Governor of the State of Wyoming. He took office on January 1, 1923, but died in office on October 2, 1924, due to complications following an appendectomy. A special election was held after his death and his wife, **Nellie Tayloe Ross** was elected Governor of Wyoming, becoming the first female governor in the United States.



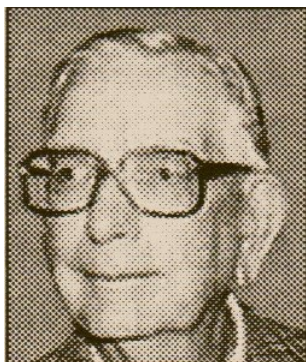
GEORGE I. REDHAIR was the 1933 President of the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club and was the Kiwanis District Governor in 1937. George was employed by Mountain Bell from 1927 in Cheyenne, retiring at 41 years of service July 14, 1968 in Helena Montana. He was active with the Club in the planning and development of Kiwanis Beach and the original Kiwanis Park that was an activity for the Club starting in 1924 and was completed in 1931. He was very active in the local club, sponsoring a Sea Scout Boy Scout Troop and previously sponsored a Boy Scout Troop. While serving as the Lieutenant Governor in 1937 he was elected by the District Board to be the District Governor following the resignation of Arthur Miller because of a job transfer. Cheyenne hosted the District Convention in 1937 while he was District Governor and he was instrumental in bringing telephone service to many western communities. He said the launching of the TELSTAR satellite was most likely the reason for total cross country telephone communications. The "TELSTAR" is the current title for the Weekly Cheyenne Kiwanis Club bulletin.



WILLIAM F. "BILL" DEVERE served as Secretary of the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club from 1927 to 1953 or 26 years. He was a long-term reporter of the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club activities and was very active in pointing out the need for autonomy for the local clubs versus the authority and dictates of the Rocky Mountain District and Kiwanis International. He was employed by the Laramie County Credit Rating Exchange and joined the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club on January 3, 1923. He was the perennial Secretary and historian for the Club keeping old correspondence, club records, and memorabilia. Known as a "Ladies" man he was highly active in Little Theatre. As the picture depicts, he was a chef and always cooked at and kept the history of the Annual August Club Picnic and Annual November Wild Game "antelope" dinner parties. His involvement led to the eventual start of the annual Kiwanis Clambake.



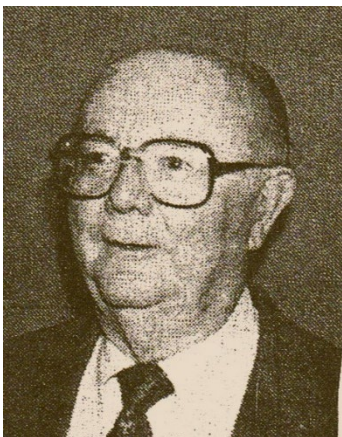
DR. JOE C. BUNTON was president of the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club in 1939 and was Rocky Mountain District Governor in 1942. In 1939 he formed the Committee for Fatherless Boys with approximately 20 orphaned boys or boys with widowed mothers. They participated in monthly meetings and activities approved by the Committee. Four of these boys were chosen by teachers and attended as guests at club meetings. This resulted in many of these boys becoming productive local business and political leaders, even Legion of Honor members. He also started a Junior Kiwanis Club in 1939 with forty members. As District Governor in 1942 he was quoted as saying "Is This America" in response to the Wartime Council (International Kiwanis Convention) standing up to have a U.S. Marine bugler play while the national colors were posted. He was very aggressive in promoting the purchase of War Bonds and support of the troops at "Fort Warren". He and his family were medical people in Cheyenne during and after the war.



RALPH T. ROBINSON was Cheyenne Club President in 1960 and District Governor in 1962. He was the first President of the Cheyenne Kiwanis Foundation and was instrumental in starting a project called "Service" that was a program designed to promote the organization for helping people with various developmental disabilities. He was instrumental in 1972 in organizing a group of other Cheyenne Kiwanis Legends to start and sponsor Magic City Enterprises which is a strong, local, self-sufficient disability organization. He is a **BONHAM FELLOW**, a **HIXSON FELLOW** and a **LUSCHE FELLOW**. These awards recognize members of the Cheyenne, Rocky Mountain District and International Foundations that exemplify Kiwanis' commitments. "Robbie" owned Sweetbrier Department Store in Cheyenne. He was regularly active with the annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing and feeding programs.



RICHARD M. "HUTCH" HUTCHISON was Cheyenne Kiwanis President in 1962 and Lt. Governor in 1965. He was a **HIXSON FELLOW**. He was nominated locally and recognized by the Kiwanis International Foundation as a **TABLET OF HONOR MEMBER**. This recognizes a person who exemplifies dedicated service to Kiwanis at the Kiwanis International Office in Indianapolis, Indiana. Hutch was responsible for encouraging youth to participate in the annual Stars of Tomorrow talent program. He is credited with helping start the annual Kiwanis Clambake and developing the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club as a Civil Defense Unit in 1963. This is a mass feeding unit. Hutch was responsible for acquiring mass feeding equipment including grills, field ranges, refrigerators, electrical equipment, and vehicles for transportation. He manufactured most of the tables, hardware and mobile units used for fund raising and mass feeding exercises. He owned his own Electrical Supply Company and donated many of his company resources to the local Kiwanis Club. He spent most evenings and weekends at the Kiwanis Warehouse and was the guiding light for remodeling the original junkyard buildings.



LEONARD M. TREBER was president of the Cheyenne Club in 1966 and Lt. Governor in the 1971-1972 Kiwanis year. Leonard was known locally as "Mr. Kiwanis." His career was with Fowlers Department Store. He managed the Men's clothing area. He was a dedicated Kiwanian including 40 plus years perfect attendance. He was also honored as a **TABLET OF HONOR MEMBER** by the Kiwanis International Foundation. Leonard is a **HIXSON FELLOW**, a **BONHAM FELLOW** and a **LUSCHE FELLOW**. After his retirement Leonard was hired in 1987 as the **FIRST** Cheyenne Kiwanis Executive Administrative Secretary, a position he held until 2008. He was responsible for maintaining and administering the Cheyenne headquarters office and coordinated maintaining the books and finances for the four hundred plus local Kiwanis Members. He furnished information to the members. He was the main public relations for the Cheyenne Club throughout the Rocky Mountain District and Kiwanis International. He was also recognized as a life member of Kiwanis.



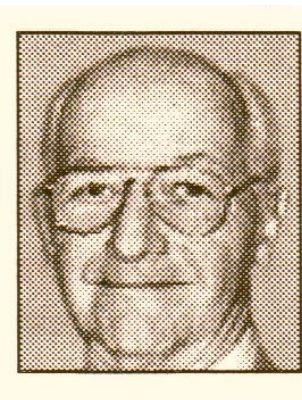
DWIGHT D. BONHAM was Cheyenne President in 1973-1974 and District Governor in 1983-1984. He was a Bank Examiner. The Bonham Fellowship was established in memory of Dwight who was serving as District Governor at the time of his death. He was a **HIXSON FELLOW** and is recognized as a **TABLET OF HONOR MEMBER**. Gifts of \$1,000 or more assist in the work of the Kiwanis Club of Cheyenne Foundation. Donations from bequests, trusts, annuities, or life insurance policies qualify the donor for a Bonham Fellowship. The donations are placed in a permanent endowment fund, the earnings are used to fund charitable local and regional projects, and for support of selected projects of Kiwanis International. His legacy remains because of his commitment to Kiwanis.



ROBERT S. "BOB" ROWLAND was Cheyenne Kiwanis President in 1985-1986, Lt. Governor in 1987-1988 and Rocky Mountain District Governor in 1991-1992. Bob was a **BONHAM FELLOW**, a **LUSCHE FELLOW**, and a **HIXSON FELLOW**. He is also a member of the Kiwanis International Foundation **HERITAGE FOUNDATION**. Membership in it includes a special group of Kiwanians and friends who make arrangements to assist the work of Kiwanis International through bequests, trusts, annuities insurance or cash gifts of \$500 or more. He was a retired U.S. Air Force member and had a second career as a banker. Bob was Quartermaster of the Cheyenne Club from 1980 to 1983 and on the local board of directors from 1980 to 1988. In 1991 he was membership chair. A dedicated Kiwanian, Bob was also very civic minded being a member of Cheyenne Frontier Days Heels, Red Cross, Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, United Way Board, and a Life Member of the Air Force Association.



ALFRED A. "AL" ATKINS was Cheyenne Kiwanis President in 1988-1989, Lt. Governor in 1990-1991 and was the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club assistant treasurer for 11 years, Club Secretary for 2 years, Bulletin Editor, and Vice President of the Cheyenne Club. Al had 40 plus years perfect attendance and 40 years Legion of Honor. He is a recognized member of the Kiwanis International **TABLET OF HONOR**. Al was a **HIXSON FELLOW**, a **LUSCHE FELLOW**, and a **BONHAM FELLOW**. He was a life member of Kiwanis and gave time and money to Kiwanis in support of Kiwanis goals. In addition to these duties, he served on the Laramie County School Board for over 8 years and was active in Moose Lodge #257, the Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce and was very community involved. Al's career was with the Federal Highway Administration as a Civil Engineer.



LeCLERCQ L. "LEE" JONES worked for a printing company but spent most hours as a City of Cheyenne and Cheyenne Kiwanis Club Historian. Many of the pictures he published depict most of the historical buildings and features found in Cheyenne. Most of the Club records are saved due to his efforts. He served as Club Secretary and was the perennial weekly "TELSTAR" Bulletin Editor. He served as club director, foundation board member and major foundation and club donor. He started and maintained the club directory and was long time secretary of the Cheyenne Kiwanis Foundation. Le was responsible for helping develop the Policy and Procedure Manuals for the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club and Foundation. He had 45 plus years of perfect attendance in the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club. Lee left a large donation of money and materials to the Cheyenne Club upon his death and is credited with recording the history of the local club and the local Cheyenne area. His collection is now preserved at the Laramie County Library.