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THE OBJECTS OF KIWANIS HISTORY OF THE GREAT CHEYENNE KIWANIS CLUB CHARTER MEMBERS <u>[FROM JULY 1922 ROSTER]</u> CHEYENNE KIWANIS PRESIDENTS – 100 YEARS LIFE MEMBERS LEGION OF HONOR AWARD

# THE OBJECTS OF KIWANIS

The Objects of Kiwanis guide our organization. They are our values. Our beliefs. Our core. Delegates approved the six permanent Objects of Kiwanis at the 1924 Kiwanis Convention in Denver,

Colorado. They have remained unchanged through the decades.

### **OBJECT 1**

To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.

### **OBJECT 2**

To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

### **OBJECT 3**

To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.

# **OBJECT 4**

To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.

# **OBJECT 5**

To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.

### **OBJECT 6**

To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.

# HISTORY OF THE GREAT CHEVENNE KIWANIS CLUB

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#### Revised and updated by John Rogers, March 1, 2023

On January 27, 1922, Kiwanis International signed a new club charter for a group of sixty-five men who had come together to form a Kiwanis Club in Cheyenne, Wyoming. A gala Charter Night Banquet was held at the Plains Hotel on March 11, 1922. Representatives from other Kiwanis Clubs in the area, and from the Colorado-Wyoming District office, were in attendance to witness the presentation of the charter. The original charter, issued that night, was later lost, and a replacement charter was provided by Kiwanis International. Then, in 1976, the replacement charter also was destroyed in the explosion of the Equitable Life Assurance Society Building where it was hanging in the office of club president, Lloyd Flynn. The charter currently displayed in the board room at the Kiwanis Treber Building is our second replacement copy.

The first president of the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club was William Bradford Ross, an attorney, who would be elected Governor of the State of Wyoming within a year from the Club's charter date.

Cheyenne's new service organization lost no time in undertaking challenges in the arena of community services. On July 1, 1922, only four months after its official chartering, the Kiwanis Club raised money to begin the development of Kiwanis Park. A committee for the maintenance of Kiwanis Beach in that park survived until 1942. The stone beach house, built by the club at a cost of \$1,000, still stands to the north of Kiwanis Lake at the ninth green in Cheyenne's Municipal Golf Course. Since 1988, Kiwanis volunteers have continued to serve in the city park, volunteering for the annual spring cleanup of the shores of Sloan's Lake. The Club also has frequently engaged in community beautification efforts including landscaping and maintenance of the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Central Avenue median and landscaping efforts on Cheyenne's west entrance highway.

In September 1922, the club engaged in its first boys' and girls' work by creating a "students fund" to be used in assisting worthy Cheyenne boys and girls through the University of Wyoming. Kiwanis continued to award scholarships to area students for many years, a tradition which continues today through several endowments at Laramie County Community College.

The Kiwanis Club organized a Boy Scout Troop in 1925, and the Sea Scouts in 1933 which operated out of a facility constructed by the Club on the shore of Sloan's Lake. The Kiwanis Board of Directors acted on a motion to sell the Sea Scout House to the Lions Club for one hundred dollars in 1957.

In the great depression of the 1930s, members assisted the mayor of the city in raising relief funds for the unemployed, donating food baskets for distribution to needy families by the Salvation Army, and by forming teams of members for house-to-house visitations.

Club membership slipped to its lowest point early in the thirties. In 1936, under the dynamic leadership of President Jerry Duggan, this trend was reversed. Duggan was "reelected president in recognition of his leadership in bringing the membership up to the highest point then in its history," and he remains the only president of the Kiwanis Club of Cheyenne to serve two terms.

The Cheyenne Kiwanis Club hosted the Rocky Mountain District Convention in 1937, the first of many hosted by the Club. Cheyenne was then the major Rocky Mountain hub on the transcontinental air route. United Airlines offered the more adventurous convention visitors free airplane rides over the Cheyenne vicinity in Boeing's new Sky Lounge Mainliner, their modern big, sleek, twenty-one seat, dual motored, streamlined, low wing monoplane passenger ship. Most of the guests had never before ridden in an airplane, and many chose to keep it that way!

In his term as Kiwanis President in 1939, Dr. Joe Bunten formed and chaired a Committee for Fatherless Boys. About twenty orphaned boys or boys with widowed mothers participated, attending monthly meetings or other activities arranged by the committee. A few of the boys were selected, in turns, to attend each weekly Kiwanis luncheon meeting.

During World War II, the organization remained active in the community, as the emphasis turned from community relief to efforts on behalf of national defense. At the end of 1943 the Club Secretary reported: "The Cheyenne Kiwanis Club has twenty-six members on active service in the armed forces of the United States. This is a national record for clubs of our size."

Two great Kiwanis social functions of the 1940s became annual affairs. The summer Family Picnic, usually held in July or August, and the Wild Game Barbecue, normally held after the close of hunting season in November or December, were combined in 1951. The new annual event would be the Kiwanis Clambake, which, for a time, became one of the leading annual social functions in the state. Each year, more than one thousand persons on Saturday night in circus proportioned tents were served generous portions of chicken and lobster prepared by Kiwanians over a great portable barbecue pit. Gourmet delights were served before the meal, and entertainment followed late into the night. On the following Sunday, barbecue pits, tents, electrical service and sanitary facilities were removed and the premises were restored to their original pristine condition! In later years, the Clambake became more of a fundraising event than a social event for Kiwanis members and their guests and it was eventually discontinued for a variety of reasons.

In 1947, Kiwanis members participated in a joint community effort to raise \$300,000 to assure construction of DePaul Hospital.

After the opening of the Interstate Highway system in the 1960's, interclub trips involving busloads of Cheyenne Kiwanians and their guests became increasingly popular. Groups from the Cheyenne Club visited other Kiwanis Clubs in Laramie or the Denver-northern Colorado area for dinner, after which the entire party would attend a theatrical or athletic event.

The current series of the Kiwanis bulletin was founded in 1951. Titled variously over the years as the Kiwanis Bull or the Kiwanis Missile, it soon became a regular part of the organizational identity of the Kiwanis Club. In 1959, the name of the bulletin was permanently changed to the Kiwanis Telstar in recognition of the pioneering earth-orbiting communications satellite then being prepared for launch. Copies of many of the back issues of these bulletins are gathered and bound into hard covers. Hardbound sets of the bulletins are placed in the Wyoming State Archives and maintained as part of the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club's archives.

Bill DeVere, an earlier chronicler of Kiwanis Club activities, served as the secretary for many of the years between 1928 and 1953. His snappy correspondence with Kiwanis International and the Rocky Mountain District office constitutes a long running critique by DeVere, for the benefit of Kiwanis officials, on matters relating to the autonomy of the local clubs versus the authority of the parent organization.

All of the old records were moved to a newly established permanent headquarters office for the Kiwanis Club at 1317 Parsley Blvd in the early part of the 1970's. Past President and Past Lt. Governor, Leonard Treber was engaged as Administrative Secretary to set up and maintain a regularly staffed office, providing convenience and continuity in management of the affairs of the Kiwanis Club, the maintenance of the files and archives, and the timely and accurate submission of required reports to District and National Offices.

In 1952, The Key Club at Cheyenne High School was organized. By 1972, when St Mary's High School was still in existence, there were three Key Clubs in the community, as well as a Circle K Club at the new Laramie County Community College. Cheyenne's first Builder's Club for junior high school students was chartered on February 19, 1988, at a banquet at St. Mary's school. A Club for elementary grade students was established in

the year 2001 at Pioneer Park School. Participation in Sponsored Youth activity in schools has ebbed and flowed through the years, frequently depending upon whether an enthusiastic faculty sponsor was available.

The Cheyenne Kiwanis Club sponsored its first Stars of Tomorrow talent contest and show in 1954. As it approaches its 70th anniversary, Stars of Tomorrow is one of the largest and most anticipated annual theatrical functions in the city. Several local Stars contestants have gone on to successful careers in the performing arts.

The Agriculture and Conservation Committee of Kiwanis works closely with the Future Farmers of America in Laramie County High Schools. In 1965, this committee undertook the sponsorship and promotion of the Annual FFA Livestock Sale of Champions to help achieve a good turnout of buyers, thus securing better prices for the prize-winning animals raised by the FFA members. Kiwanis also bought animals to establish market prices for less popular breeds. Future Farmers of America have been especially helpful with other Kiwanis projects as an expression of their appreciation for the support they receive from the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club.

The Junior Miss Scholarship program for Cheyenne found itself without a sponsor in 1967. They asked the Kiwanis Club to take over to assure local high school junior girls the opportunity to compete for the honors offered. Cheyenne's Junior Miss, Karen Morris, gave the entire State of Wyoming an unprecedented thrill when she was named America's Junior Miss for 1974 at the nationally televised program in Mobile, Alabama. The Junior Miss program continued locally until it was discontinued a few years ago by its national sponsor.

Among the various fund-raising efforts tried by the club was the Annual Kiwanis Auction, started in 1961. Kiwanians solicited donations of items of all descriptions to be sold at auction. Proceeds from the auction were used primarily for the club's community service projects. Kiwanis deferred to the local Meals on Wheels organization when that group adopted the idea of a similar auction as their major public fund-raising device.

In 1980, the Club donated \$10,000 and the Club Foundation matched that amount to assist in the construction of a new home for the City's Youth Alternative Program. In addition to financial support, members of the Club donated labor in the construction effort, including sending Supreme Court Justice Richard Thomas to the roof to nail shingles!

The club inaugurated presentation of Travel and Adventure Movies in 1981. This came to be regarded as a community service for a small but loyal following, but the series was abandoned in 2002 because of duplication of the effort by cable Television and VCR tapes.

In 1982, the club agreed with the Laramie County Fair that volunteers from the club would erect and retrieve, store, and maintain the Fair Board's tents from year to year in return for the right to use the tents for the Kiwanis Clambake, emergency mass feeding efforts, and other club activities. The Kiwanis Club also rented the tents and their tent handling services to other users as a fund-raising activity for Kiwanis. The labor-intensive fund-raising aspect of the arrangement was eventually abandoned due to weathering of the tents and increasing insurance costs.

The Kiwanis mobile mass feeding equipment, originally acquired for the annual Clambake and the Frontier Days Pancake Breakfasts, includes grills, field ranges, refrigerators, generators, tents and tables and the other necessities, most of which are mounted on or stored in mobile trailers. The equipment has been used successfully for Kiwanis fund raising projects and as Kiwanis catered cookouts for large gatherings including some conventions meeting in Cheyenne. Recently the Club's array of vehicles and trailers has been updated as a result of Federal grants and donations made in the name of deceased ex-Club President Mike Dowling.

The Civil Defense Committee of the Kiwanis Club, an outgrowth of the Clambake, was organized in 1963. It is a mass feeding unit, originally organized and led by Dick Hutchison, to supplement other functions and capabilities of the Laramie County Civil Defense Unit. The ability of this committee to serve large numbers has been tested and demonstrated many times, including two extensive out of state road trips described below.

In 1968, when the preparation and serving of the traditional free downtown Chuckwagon Breakfasts by the Frontier Days Committee had become too large for volunteers to handle, the Kiwanis Civil Defense mass feeding unit stepped in. More than six thousand guests were served in the two days during that first 1968 observance. Frontier Days breakfasts became a three day event in 1971. The Kiwanians served more than 26,000 guests in 1976. The greatest turnout yet experienced for the Frontier Days breakfasts was in 1996, when 39,109 plates were served at the three day, two hours per day event.

Finding protected storage for the many food service vehicles and equipment was a constantly recurring problem, as the fleet was moved from place to place for many years. The club was able to acquire and renovate the Kiwanis Building and warehouse on Parsley Boulevard in 1972, providing inside storage for some of the mobile units.

The new Kiwanis building was obtained as part of an agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad Company. The company leased the building to Kiwanis for one dollar per year, with the understanding that a work activities center would occupy space in the building. In December of 1979, the Union Pacific generously donated the property (retaining the occupancy restriction) to the Kiwanis Club. In October of 1996 Union Pacific released the occupancy use restriction. More about this building later.

Another major undertaking, before Kiwanis could occupy the newly acquired premises, was the matter of restoring the property to a usable state. The cement block building and adjoining steel warehouse were in a state of ruin, and were surrounded by an abandoned commercial junkyard. Club members volunteered heavy equipment, dump trucks, and a massive force of manpower to clear the grounds and repair the buildings.

Kiwanis continued to hold their meetings and social functions in the Plains Hotel for forty-seven years, but the increasing size of the club and changing circumstances at the hotel prompted a move, in 1969, to the Hitching Post Inn. After family ownership of the Hitching Post ended, a decision was made to transfer the location of weekly meetings to a new location. For the past few years the Club has established a good working relationship with the Red Lion Hotel.

Kiwanis International had grown to more than five thousand eight hundred clubs by 1972. In that year, the Kiwanis Club of Cheyenne was the twenty-ninth largest club in the world. Only four years later, in the Kiwanis census of 1976, Cheyenne had become the fifth largest club of more than six thousand two hundred clubs.

Club rosters, from the files and the bulletin collections, reveal the progression of club's phenomenal growth. The original group boasted sixty-five members on charter night in 1922. In 1928, the roster was a typewritten sheet of only forty names. The 1940 roster of seventy-five names was distributed as a printed folder, and in 1955, the one hundred and two name roster began to appear on the back of the weekly Telstar.

There was no longer enough space on the back of the bulletin to list the two hundred and fourteen members in 1972. A loose-leaf directory with a separate sheet devoted to each member of the club was introduced. The 1977 annual bound copy of the directory included pages for three hundred and twenty-seven members. Enrollment exceeded four hundred members for the first time in 1988, making this the world's second largest Kiwanis Club. When the membership count had increased to four hundred and thirty-two in 1994, the task of issuing an individual directory page for each new or revised entry had become too cumbersome to be practical. Since then, directory revisions are maintained electronically on the Club's website. The current membership, suffering the impact of the Covid epidemic and economic factors, currently stands at 235.

On September 24, 1971, the Kiwanis Club of Cheyenne officially formed the nonprofit, tax exempt Cheyenne Kiwanis Club Foundation. Although all members of the local Kiwanis Club are also members of the Foundation, the Foundation exists as a separate entity from the Kiwanis Club for the purpose of supporting the philanthropic works of Kiwanis and others.

The first major project of the Foundation was the sponsorship of the Magic City Enterprises work activity center, opened on February 7, 1972. Housed in the newly acquired Kiwanis Building on Pacific Avenue, developmentally disabled youths and adults could be given gainful employment under professional supervision.

The club made donations in excess of \$10,000 to the Kiwanis Club Foundation for the benefit of Magic City Enterprises in its early days. The scope of Magic City Enterprises was extended to include living skills to be learned at group homes established for the clients of the work activities center in 1975.

By the end of 1976, Magic City Enterprises had become self-supporting with an operating budget of more than \$350,000. Eventually it became an autonomous institution, independent from the Kiwanis Club and the Foundation. However, in 1983 the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club Foundation advanced the down payment and guaranteed the loan on another building, at 301 Deming Boulevard, for new Magic City Enterprises shops. Along with serving the developmentally disabled clients, and screening clients for referral to other agencies, Magic City Enterprises has expanded into a wide variety of community services.

A plan was initiated to build a permanent endowment fund for the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club Foundation in 1980. The income from the endowment fund investments would allow the Foundation to make even more significant grants. The goal for the endowment fund, first set at \$250,000, was increased to \$300,000 in 2001. At the end of the 2022 calendar year, during a period of recession, the value of the unrestricted assets of the fund was just in excess of \$1 million. Between 1972 and today, the Foundation has contributed more than \$728,000 in grants to worthy community activities in the Cheyenne area.

Dwight Bonham, who died in 1984, just after completing his term as Rocky Mountain District Governor, had proposed appeals for financial support of the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club Foundation by the Kiwanis members as early as 1974. After his death, gifts to the Foundation from the Bonham family and others, led to establishment of the Foundation's Bonham Fellow program which awards Bonham Fellowships or Bonham Life Memberships to donors whose gifts, spontaneous or over a period of time, exceed established levels.

As the World Wide Service Project of Kiwanis International, devoted to elimination of Iodine Deficiency Syndrome throughout the world, was drawing to a close in 2001, the Kiwanis Club of Cheyenne led the Kiwanis Clubs in the Rocky Mountain District with contributions totaling more than \$125,000 funded in large part by the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club Foundation.

The Kiwanis Club of Cheyenne sponsored the formation of the Golden-K Kiwanis Club of Cheyenne in 1984. It is no longer active. The Cheyenne Club has also established clubs at Jackson, Wheatland, and Saratoga.

Mrs. Alice Ross served for many years as pianist at all Kiwanis meetings and social functions. When she retired, at more than ninety years of age, in 1988, she became the first woman to be accepted into the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club as an honorary member. On December first the same year, Terri Lorenzon and Julie Robinson, daughter of Past District Governor, Ralph T. Robinson, were the first women accepted into membership as full-fledged, dues paying Kiwanians. Terri Lorenzon became the first woman to serve as President of the Kiwanis Club of Cheyenne in the year of 1995-96. Multiple other women have followed her example.

The Chocolate Indulgence fundraiser was introduced in 1997, featuring assorted donated chocolate treats and a silent auction for the enjoyment and amusement of ticket buyers. It has become the Club's most reliable large fund raiser.

Kiwanis International invited the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club to bring a crew and their now famous mobile kitchen to the International Convention at Denver in 1999. Led by Bob Rowland, they demonstrated their capabilities by serving conventioneers a chuck wagon breakfast in the open courtyard in front of the Denver Convention Center.

The following year, the Kiwanis mass feeding unit was asked to appear in New York City on the Today Show, a daily morning television talk show. Selected equipment from the mobile kitchens was freighted to the Big Apple. A nucleus of volunteers from the club flew out to set it up on the street outside of the television studio, and to prepare and serve pancakes, particularly to college students being courted by the sponsor which paid the expenses and promised an honorarium. The venture was not successful as a fundraiser, but some value was derived for the Club, the City of Cheyenne and for Cheyenne Frontier Days as a result of nationwide publicity associated with the appearance.

The Kiwanis Club administration for the 1999-2000 year established a goal of selecting a major community services project to be undertaken by the club. The project selected was the support of the City Parks Department in the construction of a new Community House to replace an outdated meeting place in the City Park. Kiwanians promoted public participation in the project, and actively solicited donations of cash, labor and materials totaling almost \$250,000 to assure prompt completion of this attractive new facility overlooking Sloan's Lake. The City of Cheyenne named this the Kiwanis Community House and it has become a popular addition to Cheyenne's recreational resources being almost constantly in use.

Another opportunity for mutual cooperation between Kiwanis and the City of Cheyenne has been the development of Romero Park in South Cheyenne. City planning envisioned a regional community park on a large, mostly open area, bordered by Parsley Boulevard. On this land was located the property of the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club. The club sold the property to the City of Cheyenne in 2005 for its appraised value in order to facilitate the development of the park.

A Site Selection Committee of nine Past Presidents was formed to determine a new site location for the Kiwanis Club. The committee was to determine a set of criteria for the new location. The property was to be large enough to store all of our equipment. Up to this time, various buildings throughout the city had been used, mainly the barns at Frontier Park.

One of the Kiwanis members learned of a site just off of Interstate 25 and Missile Drive was for sale. Purchase of this property was made in October of 2005. Considerable time and effort by many members of the club worked weekends to clean up the grounds, in preparation for the construction of a building which did not then exist.

A few months after purchasing this property, the Club was approached by Residence Inn to purchase this site. The sale was consummated with the club gaining considerable funds for a new location.

Again, the Site Committee went to work finding a new location, being pressed for time, as the City wanted us to vacate by October 2006. The property at 1804 Pacific Avenue was made available for immediate occupancy by August 2006. A metal building 110 feet by 40 feet with 6 overhang doors, plus fenced property was purchased August 21, 2006. This facility was eventually named the Treber Building in honor of Leonard Treber.

Club members were organized immediately to plan moving from the 1317 Parsley site. Over several weeks, the move was made, but we lacked covered space for much of our equipment. Consideration to build an additional building on this property was discussed, but the new property lacked sufficient area to do this.

Tom Segrave, a Past President, owned property just east of our new property. He donated to the club 300 plus feet by 30 feet of his property which enabled us to build a Pole Barn that allowed the Club to house most all of our equipment under cover.

During the summer and winter of 2009 and into 2010 the new building was remodeled. A women's restroom was enlarged, walk-in refrigerators installed, a preparation kitchen created, and finally a conference/meeting room was completed in 2012.

Kiwanis International once again teamed with the United Nations, this time to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus around the world. The project aimed to be the organization's 100th birthday gift to the world. The Cheyenne Kiwanis Club, through member donations, was the only \$100,000 club donation in the Rocky Mountain District. This milestone was recognized appropriately at Kiwanis International's 2014 International Convention in Japan.

In 2017, another opportunity for a cooperative effort between the City of Cheyenne and Kiwanis presented itself. Responding to community requests, the City undertook to create an "all access" playground at Cahill Park in order to provide recreational opportunities for the handicapped, particularly youth. Kiwanis organized an event to introduce the new park improvements to the public and assisted in raising funds for specialized playground equipment. Also, the Club submitted an application for a grant to add to funds available to the new park addition from the Rocky Mountain District Kiwanis Foundation, which funds were awarded.

During the COVID pandemic beginning in 2020, the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club recognized the impact on both the community and the Club. Concentrating on food insecurity, funds were raised within the Club and almost \$52,000 was distributed to one state wide and two local food banks to purchase food for distribution by them. An additional \$8,250 was deposited with Laramie County United Way to be distributed, anonymously, to members of the Club who suffered damage because of the effects of COVID. By the time that fund had been depleted, eight Club members received assistance. Members of the Club also volunteered at several food distribution events including one held at Laramie County Community College at which 33,000 pounds of food were distributed.

Also in the area of food insecurity, in 2010, the Friday Food Bag Foundation was created in Cheyenne having as its objective to provide a source of nourishment for school children who do not have reliable access to food over the weekend. 875 bags of food are prepared for distribution each week during the school year to the greatest in need of the 5,899 school children who qualify for Free or Reduced Price Meals. Kiwanis has participated since the inception both by unpacking pallets of food monthly and by then helping fill the almost 1,000 bags of food required each week.

The most recent major effort undertaken by the Club is to assist in the development of a new regional city park in the east portion of Cheyenne. The growth of the community in this direction has made going to the historic jewel of the City's park system—Lions Park—less and less accessible. Several years ago the City placed acquisition of land for a new park on the ballot for the 6<sup>th</sup> penny sales tax. That ballot proposition was approved and the City thereby acquired nearly 105 acres of land in the Dry Creek drainage area just west of a large and growing housing development for park purposes. As the City began planning to develop the park, then identified as the East Side Park, Kiwanis, after an exhaustive selection process, approached city fathers about the possibility of adopting this park, committing labor to work on its improvement, and raising a significant sum to finance the beginning of its development in exchange for naming rights to the Park. As required by a city procedure, petitions were circulated and well over the required 1,000 signatures were obtained. Kiwanis committed itself to raise not less than \$250,000 for development of the Park and the City Council voted that the Park would be called Kiwanis Park! Fund raising has commenced and the City can be assured that the fund raising-goal will be reached. We look forward to pursuing our other responsibility of providing labor for the development of the Park. We know that it will eventually become the Emerald placed next to Lions Park as the Diamond in the City's park system.

To be continued in the next century!

# CHARTER MEMBERS [FROM JULY 1922 ROSTER]

1. M.A. Kline	Attorney
2. William B. Ross	Attorney
3. Osmer E. Smith	State Representative
4. Albert Cronland	National Banker [Stock Grower's Bank]
5. A. E. Roedel	Druggist
6. Carlton B. Frank	Dentist
7. E. A. Ryan	State Banker
8. Marshall S. Reynolds	Collector of Internal Revenue
9. John C. Fleming	Newspaper
10. A. A. Baeresen	Architect
11. Mark A. Chapman	Fire Insurance
12. Sam M. Thompson	Attorney
13. R. S. Grier	Assistant State Examiner
14. L. G. Phillips	Electrical Contractor
15. G. H. Hobbs	Furniture
16. Jas. R. Hill	Manager of Western Union Telegrapher Company
17. Edward F. Murray	Life Insurance
18. Joseph Wasserman	Boots and Shoes
19. T. J. Henneberry	Surgeon
20. Galen A. Fox	Physician
21. D. W. Gill	Real Estate
22. Fred H. Blume	Justice, Wyoming Supreme Court
23. W. E. Chaplin	Wyoming Secretary of State
24. A. O. Campbell	Attorney - Midwest Ref. Co.
25. L. E. Horton	Business College
26. A. Otto Steele	Music Store
27. C. Y. Beard	Surgeon
28. Edward C. Bon	Clothing
29. D: B. Simpson	
30. George F. Storey	Retail Coal
31. W.H. Mcinerney	Cigars and Tobacco
32. Earl M. Benton	Meats, Retail
33. Clair Jordon	Mining Engineer
34. H. O. Hasen	Oil
35. O. E. Garretson	Oil Producer
36. John W. Hartney	Real Estate
37. Oscar J. Lamm	Retail and Wholesale Lumber
38. Samuel Ohenstein	Bond Broker
39. O. L. Moulton	Electrical Contractor
40. Hoyt Leech	Fire and Auto Insurance
41. F. A. Wilson	Dentist
42. W.O. Shumate	Pianos and Victrolas
43. Albert K. Jensen	Wholesale Grocer

44. A.J. Bachman	Wholesale Grocer
45. Elmer H. Cook	Furniture
46. Dennis K. Gash	Clothing
47. W. R. Sheneman	Confectioner
48. John C. Blackman	Clergy
49. D.J. O'Connell	Grocer-Retail
50. David Nimmo	Grocer-Retail
51. Carl Brien	Bakery
52. Kenneth W. Bell	Meats
53. James Monnier	Barber
54. Thomas Middlemas	News Dealer
55. Arthur G. Arnold	Auto Dealer
56. Robert Bradley	Architect
57. George W. Plummer	Restaurant
58. Fred W. Berger	Plumber
59. John Martin, Jr.	Hardware
60. G.F. Batchelder	Radiologist
61. Alfred H. Ricker	Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue
62. T. J. Cahill	Retail Coal
63. Dr. N. C. Nelson	Physician
64. John J. Underwood	Stockman
65. J. Ross Carpenter	Farmer

# CHEYENNE KIWANIS PRESIDENTS -100 YEARS

# **CLUB PRESIDENTS**

### **OCCUPATION**

### **DISTRICT KIWANIS OFFICE**

1922	William B. Ross	Governor of Wyoming -1923	
1923	David B. Simpson	Owner – Simpson Laundry	
1924	Fred H. Blume	Attorney, Supreme Court Judge	
1925	Oscar J. Lamm	Wholesale & Retail Lumber Co.	
1926	Harold O. Hazen	Oil Broker	
1927	Dr. G. A. Fox	Physician	
1928	William G. Kinkead	Attorney	District Governor – 1931
1929	Dr. C. M. Anderson	Physician	
1930	James R. Hill	Mgr. Western Telephone-Telegraph Co.	
1931	Lloyd C. Sampson	Prosecuting Attorney – Laramie County	
1932	Joseph C. Oliver	Mgr. Sunrise Creamery	
1933	George I. Redhair	Mgr. Wester Bell Tel & Tel.	District Governor - 1937
1934	Wm N. Cox	Mgr. WY State Tribune – Leader	
1935	Edwin W. Hays	Hays Insurance Agency	
1936	Jerry Duggan	Owner – Duggan Motor Co	
1937	Jerry Duggan	Duggan Motor sold Hudson-Terraplanes	
1938	Ernest R. Saegart	Accountant – Chey. Light, Fuel & Power	
1939	Dr. Joe C. Bunton	Physician	District Governor – 1942
1940	Paul Reiser	Mgr. Sunrise Dairy	
1941	L. M Baggs	Bon- Baggs Retail Men's Clothing	
1942	Val Christensen	Manager – Plains Dairy System	
1943	Dr. George A Phelps	Physician	
1944	Charles Durning	Secretary - Treasurer - Harris Furniture Co.	
1945	D. Robert Black	Mgr. Cheyenne Lumber & Hardware Co.	
1946	Willits A. Brewster	Carey – Bon – Brewster Insurance Co.	(Son is John) - President in 1990-91
1947	Lloyd D. Crane	Superintendent of Laramie County School D	Dist.
1948	Rev. John H. Pattison	Church Pastor-Religious Teacher	
1949	C. A. Swainson	Attorney – Swainson Law Office	
1950	George Dubois	City of Cheyenne Water Department	
1951	James O. Wilson	Attorney – Loomis Wilson & Pickett	District Secretary – 1942
1952	John R. Albright	Mgr. Mtn States Tel. and Tel.	
1953	Dr. W. K Mylar	Physician	
1954	Charles R. Carey	Carey – Bon Real Estate/ Insurance Co.	
1955	W. Robert Dubois	Chairman- Stock Growers National Bank	
1956	Allen S. Pearson	State Court Judge - Attorney	
1957	Norman V. Cable	Prairie Outdoor Advertising	
1958	John D. MaBee	Chief Oil Co. – Oil & Gas Bulk Dealer	
1959	Ralph R. Rand	Mgr. State of WY Employment Security	
1960	Ralph T. Robinson	Sweetbriar Clothing Store	Lt. Gov. 1962, Dist. Governor - 1967
1961	Robert Moeller	Fitch Electric & WY Treasurer Office	
1962	Richard D. Hutchison	Electrician – Hutchison Electric Co.	Lt. Governor – 1965
1963	Virgil D. Slough	Meat Packing Co. & Hwy Dept. Negotiator	Lt. Governor – 1966
1964	Ed Owens	Owens Insurance Agency	
1965	Harold Holmes	Holmes Auction, Real Estate & Taco Johns	
1966	Leonard M. Treber	Mgr. Fowlers Dept. Store-Men's Clothes	Lt. Governor -1971-72

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1967	Larry Uphoff	Uphoff Travel Agency
1968	Gen. Robert Outsen	Wyoming National Guard - Commander
1969	Thomas Kilty	Banking and Real Estate Development

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1969-1970	George Oxley	Insurance and Credit Rating	Lt. Governor – 1974-75
1970-1971	L. J. "Jimmy Visca"	Visca Insurance Agency	
1971-1972	Charles Anderson	Elite Cleaners – Owner	Lt. Governor 1973-1974
1972-1973	Earl Crittenden	Banking, Insurance	Lt. Governor 1974-1975
1973-1974	Dwight Bonham	Bank Examiner – State of WY	District Governor 1973-1974
1974-1975	Walter Throgmorton		(Son is Gary) President 1984-1985
1975-1976	Richard Pickett	Attorney – Loomis, Wilson, Pickett	
1976-1977	Lloyd Flynn	Flynn Insurance Agency	Lt. Governor 1980-1981
1977-1978	Jim Zachman	School District #1, Principal	
1978-1979	Frank E. Taylor	Partner Village Inn & Firebird Subs	
1979-1980	Dr. Don Iverson	Cheyenne Eye Clinic	
1980-1981	<b>Richard Thomas</b>	Attorney – Supreme Court Judge	
1981-1982	John C. Cole	Engineer – WY Highway Dept	
1982-1983	Marvin Leff	Negotiator – WY Highway Dept.	
1983-1984	John Rogers	Attorney – Rogers, Blythe & Lewis	Lt. Governor – 1986-1987
1984-1985	Gary Throgmorton	Horticulturist, Land Planning	
1985-1986	Robert Rowland	Retired Military, Banker-ANB	Lt. Gov 91-92, District Gov 92-93
1986-1987	Frank Mockler	Attorney – Laramie County Judge	
1987-1988	Thomas H Cole	Real Estate Appraisals & Reviews	Lt. Governor – 1995-1996
1988-1989	Al Atkins	Engineer – Federal Highway Admin.	. Lt. Governor 1990-1991
1989-1990	Willian Ryan	Funeral Director – Weiderspahn	Lt. Governor – 1992-1993
1990-1991	John Brewster	Brewster – Miller Insurance	
1991-1992	Verle Meister	Management Recruiters	Lt. Gov 93-94, District Gov 96-97
1992-1993	Alan Hughes	Accountant – Capitol Business Sys	Lt. Governor – 2002-2003
1993-1994	Jim O'Connor	Property Mgr. WY Highway Dept.	Lt. Governor – 1994-1995
1994-1995	Terri Lorenzon	Attorney – WY Workman Comp	Lt. Gov – 2009, 2010.2011, 2012
1996-1997	Ken Dugas	Accountant – McGee, Hearne, and P	Paiz
1997-1998	Charles Chapman	Mgr. Blue Cross/Blue Shield Ins.	
1998-1999	Dixie Roberts	CFP – Ameriprise Financial Services	S
1999-2000	William Parker	Meteorologist - Nat'l Weather Servi	ice
2000-2001	Jane Eickbush	Owner Bouquets Unlimited –Florist	
2001-2002	Michael Dowling	U.S Bank – Mgr. & Loan Officer	Lt. Governor - 2003-2004
2002-2003	Ron Olsen	State Farm Insurance – Olsen Agenc	cy Lt. Governor – 2004-2005
2003-2004	Tom Seagrave	State Farm Insurance - Seagrave Age	ency
2004-2005	Rick Abernathy	First Wyoming Bank – Human Reso	urces
2005-2006	Phil Van Horn	Executive & Construction Consulting	g
2006-2007	Greg Thomas	Mgr. Grubb & Ellis	Lt. Governor – 2008-2009
10-07-03-08	Travis Lawrence	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Year – Banking – Rocky Mtn Fed	
3-08-9-08	Dave Nieman	Owner – Nieman & Sons Music Co.	Lt. Gov. – 2012, 2013, 2014
2009-2010	Shelley Campbell	Retired Military	
2010-2011	Kerry Hall	Mgr. Delta Dental Insurance	

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2011-2012	Nick Panopoulos	Laramie County SD #1 - Teacher	
2012-2013	Misty Gehle	Accountant – McGee, Hearne and P	Paiz
2013-2014	Kent Drake	U. S. Dept. of Ag & Ranching	
2014-2015	Tim Sheppard	Retired Military, Raising Readers	Lt. Gov. 2015-17, Dist Gov. 2018-19
2015-2016	Patty Benskin	Chief Clerk – WY House of Reps	Lt. Governor - 2018-2019
2016-2017	Dan Kirby	Warehouse Mgr, - State of Wyomir	ıg
2017-2018	Laura Munari	Trophy Creative – Retail Sales	
2018-2019	Chuck Tyler	Retired Military – 1st Command	
2019-2020	Brian Lenell	Lenell Financial Management	
2020-2021	John Lynch	Retired FBI Agent – U.S. Govt.	
2021-2022	Sam Weinstein	Real Estate Mortgage Consultant	

### LIFE MEMBERS

Life member status provides a unique opportunity for acknowledging Kiwanians who qualify for special recognition. Individuals who achieve life member status are those who perpetuate the Objects of Kiwanis and objectives of Kiwanis International. Recipients must hold active membership in a currently chartered Kiwanis club.

A club may apply for life member status to honor its president or any other club member. A family or friend may apply through a club. A division may apply to honor its lieutenant governor or past lieutenant governor. A district may apply to honor a district officer, past or present. In exceptional situations, recognition shall be granted at the discretion of the executive director on behalf of the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees.

An application for life member status by a club or an individual is subject to the approval of the club's board of directors and must be signed by the president or secretary of the club. District and division recognition must be approved, and application signed by the governor or district secretary. Applications must be made in the name of the individual who is to achieve life member status, not in the name of the office.

John Rogers-1984 Verle Meister—1994 Tom Cole—1996 Neil Royce—1996 Jim O'Connor—1997 Terri Lorenzon-1999 David Shepherd—1999 Dixie Roberts-2000 Robert Monger-2002 Alan Hughes-2002 Robert Curtis-2004 Judy LaHiff-2004 Keith Turner—2004 William Johnson-2005 Dale Kjack—2005 James Ottoes-2006 Glenn Crock—2006

Kenneth Dugas-2008 Tom Segrave-2010 Dave McCracken-2010 Ronald Olson-2011 David Niemann-2011 Kim Lovett—2012 Phil Van Horn-2012 Nick Panopoulos—2013 Dick Royce-2016 Tim Sheppard—2016 Kent Drake-2019 Paul Bellotti-2019 Darwin Pace-2019 Laura Munari-2022 Brian Lovett—2022 Jim Coomes—2022 Chuck Seniawski—2022

# LEGION OF HONOR AWARD

The success of Kiwanis results from the strong and active service of thousands of Kiwanis-club members. With the Legion of Honor Award, you have the privilege of recognizing Kiwanians who have been club members for 25 years or more.

A Kiwanian must have at least 25 years of Kiwanis-club membership. (The 25 years do not have to be consecutive, and they can be accumulated in more than one club.)

After recognition for 25 years of service, a member is again eligible to receive the award for 30 years, again for 35 years and so on. A member is eligible for each when he or she is within six months of the reaching that milestone.

Member	<b>Date Joined</b>	<b>Years of Service</b>
Brown, Mary	2-Aug-97	25
Dahill, Robert	11-Aug-97	25
Dickerson, Robert	1-Apr-97	25
Durham, Billie Jane	2-Dec-97	25
Poulignot, Jay	4-Mar-97	25
Schmerge, Stephen	1-Apr-97	25
Van Horn, Phil	16-Jan-98	25
Burkett, Kevin	4-Jun-96	26
Day Sr., Donald	6-Feb-97	26
Hall, Kerry	3-Sep-96	26
Lenell, Brian	5-Nov-96	26
Mincer, Richard	4-Jun-96	26
Segrave, Tom	2-Jul-96	26
Holland, Carol	5-Sep-95	27
Hiett, Craig	7-Jun-94	28
Lisek, Victor	7-Feb-95	28
Willingham, William	5-May-94	28
Coomes, James	4-Nov-93	29
Crock, Glenn	2-Mar-94	29
Oliger, Diana	7-Dec-93	29
Roberts, Thomas	1-Jun-93	29
Tyrrell, Brian	3-Aug-93	29
Dorsett, Earl	2-Oct-92	30
Esquibel, Floyd	31-Aug-92	30
Foster, Steve	5-Nov-92	30
Gapen, Paul	30-Nov-92	30
Keiter, David	5-Nov-92	30
LaFaso, Deborah	1-Jul-91	31
LaHiff, Judy	7-Nov-91	31
Maas, Tammy	4-Apr-91	31
Roberts, Dixie	5-Jun-90	32
Thompson, Rick	3-Nov-90	32
Niemann, David	8-Dec-89	33
Seniawski, Charles	9-Nov-89	33
Dugas, Kenneth	9-Jun-88	34
Knudson, Jack	7-Apr-87	35

<u>Member</u>	<b>Date Joined</b>	Years of Service
Mauritz, Ronald	1-Aug-87	35
McGuire, Patrick	6-Apr-86	36
McCracken, Dave	7-May-85	37
Monger, Robert	5-Nov-85	37
Brown, Maurice	1-May-84	38
O'Connor, Francis J.	6-Mar-84	38
Curtis, Robert	6-Sep-83	39
Loveridge, Charyl	7-Sep-82	40
Ottoes, James	6-Apr-82	40
Steil, John	6-Jul-82	40
Panopoulos, Nick	30-Jun-81	41
Wamboldt, Carl	11-Sep-80	42
Firestone, John	10-Jul-79	43
Helms, William	3-Apr-79	43
Ross, Anthony	5-Jun-79	43
Emmons, Neil	5-Sep-78	44
Hughes, Alan	7-Mar-78	44
Olson, Ronald	15-Jul-78	44
Parks, John	1-Sep-78	44
Derr, Hank	6-Sep-77	45
Royce, Richard	6-Dec-77	45
Turner, Keith	7-Feb-78	45
Pace, Darwin	10-Jun-76	46
Mead, R. C.	1-Mar-76	47
Phillips, Edwin	1-Apr-74	48
Shepherd, David	30-Mar-73	49
Sullivan, Michael	5-Feb-74	49
Cole, Thomas	1-Aug-72	50
Johnson, William	5-Oct-72	50
Schrader, Donald	11-Jul-72	50
Kjack, Dale	4-Aug-70	52
Reed, Frederic	3-Nov-70	52
Rogers, John	3-Apr-69	53