

## MEMORIAL WALL OF HONOR

### **Al Paulsen**

He was born on January 13, 1955 in Wichita, Kansas, to James and Marilyn Paulsen and is the fourth of five brothers. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Kristie; daughter, Jenny and her husband, (and his buddy) Jeff; as well as three beautiful grandchildren, Finley, Tommi and Makena. In addition, as a dog lover, he leaves four Border Collies, Jake, Ruby, Abby and his new puppy, Larry.

Al adored his father, James (JP), who was employed by Boeing, requiring the family to move frequently around the country while he was growing up. Some of his favorite stops included: Turkey Ridge, South Dakota, where his dad owned a small store, Lewiston, Montana, Santa Maria, California, Chicago, Illinois, and many places in the state of Washington. When Al was 18, he hitchhiked around the country for three years. On his way through Grants Pass, he decided that was where he wanted to live. Al had a million stories that he was always happy to share about his lifetime of adventures. He made two trips to Australia, where he made friends with many carpet cleaning buddies. During those trips on his motorcycle, he drove around the continent one way and on a second trip drove around the other way.

In 1977, Al was living in a former potato chip truck when he decided it was time to start his own business. With a bucket in one hand and a squeegee in the other, he launched Al's Window Cleaning. He used to joke that accounts receivable was his right pocket and accounts payable his left pocket. Once he decided to take his business seriously, he enrolled in the Rogue Community College Small Business Development Center and completed all of the necessary course work for successful graduation.

Throughout the past 42 years, he has credited his instructors with his mastery of running a successful business. In 1982, Al grew the business in Southern Oregon to include carpet cleaning and, eventually, in 1993, became Al's Carpet Cleaning and Restoration, specializing in emergency fire, water and smoke damage and mold remediation. In 1989, Al became an active member of the Grants Pass Kiwanis Club. Initially, he was extremely nervous about public speaking, but in 2001 he accepted the nomination to become Club President as a means to move beyond this fear, and became an eloquent speaker.

Some of the many awards and certifications he has received include: General Contractor licensed in Fire and Water Damage; Ahera Certified Asbestos Inspector; 2008 "Kiwanian of the Year" Grants Pass Kiwanis Oliver Oaks Award; "Gold" G P Kiwanis Biz for Kids Sponsor; 2001 Best Residential/Owner Homebuilder of the Year.

Al loved going on motorhome trips with Kristie to wine country and the coast. He also loved going to Maui every year where he would sit by the pool and make friends with everyone.

### **Harry Carmichael**

Harry G. Carmichael was born February 12, 1921 in Sacramento, California. He grew up in the San Francisco Bay area, graduating from Berkeley High School in 1939. After high school he attended both San Jose State and UC Berkeley studying music and journalism. He played clarinet and saxophone in bay area dance bands. He wrote songs

and even had at least two of them copyrighted. In 1947 Harry threw everything he owned in the back of his jalopy and drove north on Highway 101. He stopped at every small town radio station he could find looking for a job and finally found one as a news man at KUIN in Grants Pass. (KUIN later became KAGI) In October of 1948 Harry married Dorothy Jean Detrick in Grants Pass. He met her in the Josephine County Clerk's office where she worked. Together they had five children over the next thirteen years. He moved his family away from Grants Pass in 1956, to Lakeview, Oregon, first and then a succession of towns in Oregon and California before finally moving back to Grants Pass for good in the summer of 1968. His family doesn't remember when he wasn't a Kiwanian. He joined his final club in 1969. He served as the Grants Pass Kiwanis Club President in 1977 and annually led many of the club's projects including "Bring your Pastor Day" (if you didn't have one, Harry would find you one) and "Campus Life Easter Breakfast" at Grants Pass High School. As a sportscaster Harry had the distinction of broadcasting the first and last games that Mel Ingram coached at Grants Pass High School. Harry passed away on February 3, 1994, just a few days before his 73rd birthday.

### **Dick Hall**

Richard Edward "Dick" Hall was born Sept. 22, 1925, in Decatur, Ill. On Dec. 22, 1946, in Decatur, he married his wife Beverly. In 1949, he graduated from Millikin University in Decatur. The couple moved to Grants Pass in 1989. He was a member of the Oregon Duck Club, Kiwanis and Newman United Methodist Church. To say he really enjoyed the University of Oregon Ducks would be a big understatement. He attended nearly all home football games, some away games and the occasional basketball game. From Dick's final resting place, he will never miss a Duck Home Football Game. He was also a big fan of jazz music and enjoyed something from his large collection daily.

Dick and Bev, who were married 53 years, seldom missed a Kiwanis Event and few could keep pace with "Dickie". Dick Hall did not invent the "See-Thru", that spirituous stroke of genius he attributes to his friend "Bubba". Dick Hall did, however, put See-Thrus on the PNW Map and as the tradition goes, once the olive is eaten from the vodka/water combo, the drinker is finished. He was a devoted Kiwanian and equally devoted to his friends. He once, at his own expense, provided for 30 College Dreams participants to attend a University of Oregon Football Game. The Dick Hall Youth Services Award was instituted in 2002 to annually recognize the outstanding College Dreamer. Dick was 74 years old when he passed away at home from Prostate Cancer on September 19, 2000, 3 days short of his 75th birthday.

### **Robert Howe**

Robert G. "Doc" Howe was born in Pilot Rock, OR on July 8, 1914 and moved to Portland as a young man. He graduated from Grant High School and attended Willamette University for his Undergraduate Studies before finishing his education at the University of Oregon Dental School. Doc Howe served in the US Army during World War II and practiced dentistry in Portland for 12 years after the War. In 1958 he moved to Grants Pass and practiced until his retirement in 1979.

He was a long time member of the Grants Pass Kiwanis Club and is generally attributed

as the primary reason the Kiwanis Dental Clinic provided dental services for the indigent so many years. "Doc" Howe passed away on February 18, 1991, he was 76.

### **Dr. John Manhart**

John Albert Manhart was born on Jan. 18, 1953, in Montreal, Quebec. On Aug. 9, 1980, in Enumclaw, Wash., he married the former Jean Elizabeth Zech. He graduated from Washington State University in Pullman with a bachelor of science degree in 1977 and a doctor of veterinary medicine in 1981.

In 1983 he moved to Grants Pass from Pasco, Wash. Along with his wife, he owned and operated Pacific Veterinary Clinic since 1983.

His many memberships included St. Anne Catholic Church; Grants Pass Kiwanis Club; A.V.M.A., A.A.H.A, O.V.M.A, Bovine Practitioners Society for Theriogenology, and Washington State Cougar Alumni. He received his Eagle Scout Appointment in 1966 and had been active in the Boy Scouts of America. He especially enjoyed snow skiing, rafting, volleyball, camping, and hiking.

John's sense of humor endeared him to many including his fellow Grants Pass Kiwanians, he could crack up a room without even trying. Allan Coon recalls one time Manhart described forcibly delivering a calf using both arms, a lively and memorable story. John was dedicated to his family and his veterinary practice; he made time for Kiwanis but rarely made it to a meeting when the bell rang. "Manhart Time" is with the Club to this day. John died from cardiac arrest complications on June 2, 1997, he was 44.

### **Oliver Oakes**

Oliver L. Oakes was born Sept. 26, 1905, in Yazoo City, Miss., to a large plantation-owning family. He earned a degree in economics from Clark College in Meridian, Miss. Throughout his youth he loved sports, especially baseball, which he played in high school and college. There, he caught the eye of scouts who signed him to play second and third base for the St. Louis Cardinals' farm team. While playing in Atlanta, Ga. he was replaced by another up and coming player, Joe Dimaggio. After moving to Los Angeles in 1927, he began a career with Bank of America (then the Bank of Italy), working and teaching banking classes in the Los Angeles, Merced and San Francisco offices. On Sept. 28, 1930, he married the former Ida Lotti. He was transferred in 1936 to become loan officer of Eureka, Calif., and then to the Arcata branch. He retired from banking in 1971 after 43 years. He moved to Grants Pass from Arcata in 1972 where he joined the Grants Pass Kiwanis Club. Oliver Oakes was a 69-year member of Kiwanis International and in 1978 he earned the Kiwanian of the Year Award & the District Service Award in 1988. The "Oliver Oakes Award" was instituted in 1984 to honor Oliver those achieving high standards of excellence and community service (Kiwanian of the Year). He drove the world's largest white Buick sedan which could be found in the Brewery Restaurant parking lot an hour before Tuesday meetings; Oliver enjoyed a little social hour before meetings. Mr. Oakes was 91 years old when he died on June 9, 1997.

### **Merle Soden**

The youngest of eight children, Merle Soden was born July 24, 1913, in Morrill, Neb. He worked on the family farm until the Depression, when his family moved to Santa Ana, Calif., where he graduated from high school. For 76 years, he was married to Thelma Monroe, who died before him.

He was a refrigeration engineer and developed a successful heating and air conditioning business, which he later sold. He enjoyed working on all kinds of equipment and machines to improve their performance. He came out of retirement and developed an industrial/commercial water quality engineering company. After moving to Grants Pass in 1977, he continued being involved in his community. He was a member of the Grants Pass Kiwanis and Calvary Lutheran Church. He enjoyed fishing, RV travel, making wine, music and dancing.

Merle and Thelma Soden were amazing people who endeared themselves to the Grants Pass Kiwanis Club in a big way. Well into their eighties, Merle and Thelma were still active in all Kiwanis events including Campouts, Crabfests, Projects, Meetings and Roadtrips. Merle was 95 years old when he passed away on December 16, 2008.

### **Robert Stalcup**

Robert Edward 'Bob' Stalcup Sr., affectionately known as "Mister Kiwanis" was born June 27, 1923, in Big Springs, Texas. During World War II, he served in the Navy aboard the USS Saratoga as a tail gunner. On June 7, 1944, in Tillamook, he married Hazel Lillian Long, who died Sept. 21, 2003. They moved to Grants Pass in 1955 from Albany. He worked in most of the jobs that could be done involving the railroad and he retired from Southern Pacific Railroad as a dispatcher in 1989. His interest in computers began as a result of working with the first computers used by Southern Pacific Railroad. He wrote two computer programs that the railroad put into use. He was involved with the United Way, the Elks Lodge, Chess Club Masters, Toastmasters and the Caveman Kiwanis. He also served as an honorary deputy for Josephine County.

Through Kiwanis, Bob brought the See's Candy sales to this area to raise money for local organizations. He started several Kiwanis Clubs, including his own Caveman Kiwanis Club, and got more than 500 members involved in the Pacific Northwest. Through Kiwanis, he was instrumental in starting the Lake Selmac Fishing Derby for the children of Josephine County and he also rebuilt many computers and helped children receive them through the Kiwanis. Stalcup began his Kiwanis career in the Grants Pass Kiwanis Club, when he led the formation of the Caveman Kiwanis Club in 1976, he decided to join the Caveman Kiwanis to help ensure it's success. Bob passed on April 4, 2011, he was 87 years old.

### **Art Van Walk**

Arthur "Art" M. Van Walk was born Aug. 14, 1913, in Brainerd, Minn. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army. On June 25, 1944, he married the former Grace Howard in Tacoma, Wash. Van Walk had lived in Kirkland, WA, for a short time and Burns for

five years before moving to Grants Pass in 1952. He was the State Public Welfare Administrator first for Harney County and then for Josephine County until his retirement in 1975. In earlier years, he had been active in both Civil Defense and the American Legion.

He became a member of the Grants Pass Kiwanis Club on January 1, 1967 and eventually served as the Club Secretary for 20 over years. He was a very vital member to the Club for decades and, as Secretary, helped many Past Presidents have successful terms. In his 70's, he had the misfortune of having been bitten in the groin by a Brown Recluse Spider; the account of said attack & recovery required considerable time. Once, while in Seattle for a District Convention, Ken Behymer, on a bet, asked for said account, 45 minutes later Behymer was extricated (B. Gillespie & B. Rossknecht). The lovable big man was 83 years old when he passed away on January 27, 1997.

### **Jack Wood**

Jack L. Wood was born Sept. 22, 1923, at Metaline Falls, Wash. He graduated from Metaline Falls High School and then attended Washington State College before serving with the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. After the war, he lived in Oakland, Calif., and graduated from Armstrong College in Berkeley, Calif. After graduation he worked for the Internal Revenue Service in the Bay area for 25 years retiring after eight years as regional director of Compliance and Enforcement for the Department of Energy. On April 25, 1992, he moved to Grants Pass and married the former Ruth Ranson.

Wood was a member of the Newman United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Grants Pass Kiwanis Club, Grants Pass Golf Club, the Elks Lodge, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Middle Rogue Steelheaders Club, California Society of Certified Public Accountants and was a past president of the East Bay Banjo Club. He loved fishing and golfing, and in his younger years was an avid skier and tennis player.

Jack was a longtime member of the Grants Pass Kiwanis Club and with his wife Ruth, Wood made Kiwanis events more fun. He served as the Club's 1st "Crabmeister" in 1990 although he rarely piloted his own boat, under his verbal guidance, he left that to Mrs. Wood. He once ate a large quantity of ice cream with chopsticks to entertain his Kiwanis friends; Jack had a penchant for good times.

Jack Wood was 74 years old when he passed away May 31, 1998.

### **Keith Woodward**

Keith E. "Bud" Woodward was born July 26, 1919, in Central City, Neb., to Edwin and Ida Woodward. In 1925, his family moved to Grants Pass, where he attended Jerome Prairie Grade School and graduated from Grants Pass High School in 1938. During World War II, he served in the Army Air Forces as a glider pilot and he received several medals and other honors. After the war, he earned a bachelor's degree from Southern Oregon College and a master's degree from the University of Oregon. He was a teacher

and he coached at Grants Pass schools for 34 years, retiring in 1979. In 1952, he married Merle Hershberger, who died in 1999. He later married Evelyn Cameron. He was a member of the Elks Lodge, the Grants Pass Kiwanis, Civil Air Patrol, the Phi Delta Kappa fraternity, the Oregon Education Association and the Retired Teachers Association. He volunteered as a driver for the food bank and served on local and state committees.

"Woody" or "Bud" or "Coach" as he was known to his friends joined the Grants Pass Kiwanis Club on January 1, 1964 and remained a member until his passing (45 years!). He had an easy laugh and a soft spoken personality. Woody was a generous contributor and loyal Kiwanian for those many years. He died on January 15, 2009 at 89 years of age.

### **Justin V. George**

Justin Virgil George "JV" was born the youngest of three children on July 28, 1923 in Portland, Oregon. After High School Justin worked in Alaska before being called to service in May of 1943. After leaving the service, Justin went to work in Seaside, Oregon which is where he met the love of his life, Phyllis Grace Keith. They married in 1947 and had two children; Keith and Karen. Justin and Phyllis moved to Grants Pass and Justin began his career in real estate sales and development. Justin became involved civically, but the Grants Pass Kiwanis Club was his favorite involvement. He was the Club's President in 1981 and was known as President "Half Acre". Justin and Phyllis were ever present and generous in Kiwanis activities. Justin died on November 23, 2017, he was 94 years old. A scholarship under the Club's auspices in the name of Justin and Phyllis George is currently being established.

### **Mary Lou Johnson**

Mary Lou Johnson was born on December 21, 1937 in Van Nuys California. Her family moved to Grants Pass Oregon where she graduated from high school in 1955. Mary Lou worked for District #7 for many years, she volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club and was a member of the Emblem Club, Retired Military Club, Zonta and the Grants Pass Kiwanis Club. While she was in the Grants Pass Kiwanis Club a short time, everyone loved Mary Lou's contagious good nature. She died on September 27, 2016, Mary Lou was 78 years old.

### **Julie Ann Horowitz**

Julie Ann Kimport Horowitz came to Grants Pass frequently in the 90's to visit, she loved it and when her and her husband Dan decided to move, they chose Grants Pass. The Horowitz's quickly became actively involved in the Grants Pass Kiwanis Club and made many significant contributions. Julie went to high school at El Segundo High School, she was a swimmer, bowler and cheerleader. Julie remained close with her high school friends her entire life. One of her passions was four part harmony, she loved Barbershop, Sweet Adelines and local theatre. Julie was very loved within the GP

Kiwanis Club and involved in elementary school literacy. Julie lost her life in a car accident on December 30, 2018.

### **Ken Hickenbottom**

Kenneth R Hickenbottom was born in Missoula Montana on August 24, 1933 the younger of two brothers. He lived in Eugene, Coquille, Dexter, Salem, Grants Pass and his final years at Rogue Valley Manor in Medford. He was often affectionately referred to as the "Mayor of the Manor". Ken attended the University of Oregon where he graduated Speech, Radio and TV in 1955. While at Oregon, Ken, a talented pole vaulter, was a member of the track team under Bill Bowerman. Ken married his first wife Dawn in 1955 and the couple had and raised three children; Allen, Kim and David. Ken was an active outdoorsman who enjoyed rafting the Rogue River, camping, hiking cross country skiing, cooking, fishing, mountain climbing, Crater Lake Ski Patrol. He was a man of many talents including a lifetime of tap dancing. He was a member of various organizations of his years of community service including The Elks, Josephine Co. Parks and Recreation, Friends of Crater Lake and a Kiwanian for 47 years ('72-'19).

Ken's years of contributions to the Grants Pass Kiwanis Club were immeasurable; whenever there was a contest of some sort, everyone wanted Ken on their team because of his healthy competitiveness. He took the Club Auction to new levels inventing the Dinner Hosting concept. He took his paid Kiwanis dinner guests down the Rogue River the first year and caused quite a sensation, since then Kiwanis members have sold dinners at auction for big charitable dollars. He also began making "Crab Necklaces" for the annual Crabfest event in Charleston, OR. It's impossible to calculate how much the Administrative Account gained over the years, but at an auction value of \$350/necklace, thousands of dollars were raised thanks to Ken's skill and generosity. All of Ken's work came with a "Lifetime Guarantee", the lifetime of the maker.

Ken Hickenbottom left this world surrounded by his beloved wife Lorraine and family members on May 5, 2019, he was 85.

### **Charlie Didato**

Charles A. Charlie Didato was born and in Brooklyn, NY on October 25, 1938. Charlie grew up in New York and attended Brooklyn Tech High School, he completed his undergraduate studies at Stanford and later earned a Master's in Business Administration. After college he joined the US Navy where he served for two years. In 1964, Charlie married Cookie Beck, the two of them had four children, three daughters and a son. In 1979 Charlie became Pastor Didato earning a Master's in Theology. In 1986 Charlie and his family moved from Washington State to Grants Pass Oregon where Charlie became the pastor of College Heights Baptist Church, a position he held for 21 years.

He served the community through the Josephine County Budget Committee and the Josephine County Health Board. But Charlie's real civic enthusiasm was reserved for Kiwanis. He was Division 82's Lieutenant Governor, the Grants Pass Kiwanis Club's President in 2003, Charlie was known as "The Godfather". Charlie received the coveted "Oliver Oaks Award" (Kiwanian of the Year) in 2004. He volunteered often and was a fixture at the Fair Parking Project, there were days where Charlie

never left his supervisor's chair. Charlies was also "Santa Claus" for Kiwanis Christmas events and Head Start. Anyone who knew Charlie could tell you he that was New York tough and fiesty, opionated, funny an fiercely loyal to friends, family and Kiwanis. Charles Didato was 73 when he passed away in Grants Pass on May 31, 2012.

### **Herbert Lyle Van Gordon**

Herbert "Lyle" Van Gordon was born June 26, 1913 and moved to Grants Pass Oregon in 1944. He was married to Elizabeth with whom he had three children Steve, Doug and Nancy. Lyle, as every one called him, helped found the Grants Pass Kiwanis Club in 1947 and remained an active member until his death on January 21, 1978. During his 34 years in Kiwanis, he served as the Club's President in 1967 and Lt. Governor in 1972. He also recieved a "Thank You" award from Kiwanis International in 1975 for his, "Selfless Zeal in Promoting the Ideals of Kiwanis". Most of Lyle's contemporaries are now passed on, but the few who remember Lyle say he was a friend to all who really enjoyed the social aspect of the Club and he hosted some rather raucous Kiwanis Get-Togethers. We know that without Lyle's love for the Grants Pass Kiwanis Club, our organization would not be the same.