
HISTORY
of the
KIWANIS CLUB OF SPOKANE
1920 - 1945

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FOREWORD



The silver anniversary of any human institution is a time for both retrospect and dedication. For at 25 years the beginnings of an organization are still not so remote as to escape the memory of its older members.

Many present members of Spokane Kiwanis Club who did not participate in its earliest years had friends nevertheless among those who did. The names and the events herein recited will be familiar.

But while the history of the club's first 25 years may be inspiring, that of its next 25 years can be even more. If the small group that was brought together in 1920 could make an important mark in the community's story of achievement, today's club — three times as large and many times more powerful — has vastly greater opportunities for becoming an even stronger tower of strength for the public good. The club's future will be what its present members, and those who join them, make it.

If in each five-year period of the future quarter-century the club adds as many additional civic contributions as it did in the corresponding periods from 1920 to 1945, its perpetual value to the city we call home will never be in doubt.

An examination and possible revision of this history every five years is recommended as a measure to keep Spokane Kiwanis forever on its toes, forever deserving of the laurels it has won, forever jealous of its right to continued use of the slogan: "WE BUILD."

Charter Members SPOKANE KIWANIS CLUB

Organized August 1, 1920

Chartered December 9, 1920

Apr. 12 Lantry, C. C.	May 10 McCasky, F. W.	June 25 Wortman, R. J.
Apr. 12 Olney, L. F.	May 11 Garrett, H. A.	June 25 Hazen, J. B.
Apr. 13 Adams, F. A.	May 12 Savage, W. E.	June 25 Williams, C. R.
Apr. 14 Pattullo, W. N.	May 13 Tennant, R. W.	June 26 Ahrens, D. E.
Apr. 15 McBean, C. D.	May 18 Johnson, C. L.	June 28 Brandt, E. C.
Apr. 15 Snow, G. A.	May 18 Hendricks, R.	June 28 Burbridge, F.
Apr. 15 Sahlin, John H.	May 18 Tinling, H. C.	June 29 Cardwell, E. M.
Apr. 15 Batcheller, O. T.	May 18 Johnson, John	June 29 Harvey, L. R.
Apr. 17 Day, G. A.	May 19 Royer, J. E. E.	June 29 Bird, John
Apr. 17 Miller, H. C.	May 21 Edgington, E. W.	June 30 Tomlinson, H. D.
Apr. 20 Harris, E. W.	May 21 Featherstone, H.	June 30 Chamberlain, C.
Apr. 21 Davies, J. F.	May 24 McCoy, C. H.	June 30 Williams, R. G.
Apr. 22 Redeker, E. S.	May 25 Gallagher, R. E.	July 2 Mitchell, T. T.
Apr. 22 Meyer, W. C.	May 25 Cooper, J. L.	July 2 Fike, C. W.
Apr. 26 Singleton, P. J.	May 27 Katz, Sidney	July 2 Callison, B. H.
Apr. 27 Crews, C. S.	May 28 Hebbard, G. S.	July 3 Neil, J. L.
Apr. 27 Kumm, Ralph H.	May 28 Frost, W. S.	July 3 Myers, A. P.
Apr. 28 Baird, T. W.	June 2 Whitaker, F. J.	July 3 Beamer, R. H.
Apr. 28 Hopkins, W. P.	June 3 Waltz, R. A.	July 3 Pennington, C. A.
Apr. 30 Monten, W. A.	June 4 Hooper, H. A.	July 3 McCluskey, W. A.
Apr. 30 DeLong, H. B.	June 8 Whitehouse, H. C.	July 3 Webster, R. M.
May 1 Williamson, F. D.	June 8 Stewart, Hugh	July 3 Swanson, S. H.
May 1 Wheeler, J. M.	June 9 Ekman, A. H.	July 3 Roberts, W. D.
May 3 Cater, C. C.	June 9 Corcoran, P. G.	July 3 Ford, J. A.
May 5 Roadnight, C. F.	June 12 Cantril, A. N.	Oct. 23 Kershaw, F. L.
May 6 Clifton, J. M.	June 15 Lanahan, H.	Nov. 26 Houston, John
May 7 Kimbrough, S. A.	June 21 Gaylord, C. A.	Nov. 26 Hillman, C. J.
May 10 Dilatush, O. P. E.	June 21 Current, E.	Dec. 8 Lewis, John
May 10 Kjosness, G. A.	June 23 Reilly, T. J.	Dec. 8 Platt, C. A.
May 10 Pehrson, G. A.	June 24 Brown, S. M.	Dec. 8 Riner, E. J.

PART I.

CHAPTER I.

ORGANIZATION OF SPOKANE KIWANIS CLUB

After unsuccessful efforts to establish a Kiwanis Club in the fall of 1919 (the year the Pacific Northwest District of Kiwanis International was formed), George K. Atkinson came to Spokane from the Chicago office of Kiwanis International in April, 1920. On May 8 an agreement with Kiwanis International was signed for the formation of a Kiwanis Club in Spokane. Membership application No. 1 was signed by C. C. Lantry, who later became the club's first president. Members continued to be added until July 15, 1920, when the Standard By-Laws of Kiwanis International were adopted. The club was formally organized with 84 members August 1, 1920. At this time Kiwanis International had 287 chartered clubs.



C. C. Lantry

Six more members were added by the time the club was chartered December 9, 1920, by District Governor Dr. H. W. Riggs, of Vancouver, B. C. The charter bears the names of Henry Elliott as president and O. Sam Cummings as secretary of Kiwanis International. Spokane was the tenth club to be chartered in the Pacific Northwest District and the first east of the Cascades.

Seventeen of the charter members are still on the club's rolls. They are C. C. Lantry, W. C. Meyer, Hon., C. C. Cater, G. A. Pehrson, F. W. McCasky, S. A. Kimbrough, J. E. E. Royer, F. J. Whitaker, H. C. Whitehouse, R. J. Wortman, B. H. Callison, R. H. Beamer, S. H. Swanson, J. A. Ford, F. L. Kershaw, C. J. Hillman, C. A. Platt.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Washington's Children's Home Finding Society

The Spokane club was an active one from its start. A month before receiving its charter members became interested in poor housing conditions in the local unit of the Washington Children's Home Finding Society. Electric heaters and blankets were purchased at once and in January 1921 the club raised \$2771 to apply on the purchase of a new home for the children at Hamilton and Boone.

In the fall of 1922 the club raised \$8000 to pay off the mortgage and make necessary repairs on the home. The club continued its active support of the Society until 1928, when Adolph Galland, Spokane Kiwanian, donated \$35,000 for the erection of the present splendid brick structure near the Manito Golf Course. The Spokane Community Chest about the same time added the home to its list of member agencies. Its services being no longer needed, Kiwanis withdrew from the sponsorship of the home.



Kiwanis secured this home for Washington Children's Home Finding Society.

The Camp Fire Girls

In 1922 a group of girls from the recently organized Camp Fire Girls Council appeared before the club and made such a fine impression that the club adopted the Camp Fire Girls as a second major activity and immediately set out on a program to raise money for the purchase of a summer camp for the girls. \$1,000 was raised by the members and \$3,000 among other friends of Camp Fire. This relationship has continued throughout the intervening years.



Camp Fire Girls are the club's oldest activity at present.

Pensioned Widowed Mothers

In 1923 the attention of the club was called to the need of better housing conditions for widowed pensioned mothers. The county commissioners had set aside \$5000 for erection of some small cottages. Kiwanians took charge of purchasing lumber and other materials at favorable prices and from June to December went out in groups of 30 to 40 on Saturdays and Sundays to help build the homes. The first work day was June 21, 1923. Spokane labor unions assisted in their construction and groups of church women furnished hot meals. Through the cooperation of these various groups, four cottages were built with this \$5000 during the year, and the first mother occupied Home No. 1 in December.

In 1924 a large group of Kiwanians visited the Camp Fire Girls camp on Lake Coeur d'Alene to present a new flagpole and to be honored by having a Kiwanis plaque placed in the council ring.

Club members and wives gave several silver parties and presented blankets to the children at the Washington Children's Home during 1922, '23 and '24.

Several dances were given, netting more than \$1100, and gifts of furniture and household equipment were presented to the mothers in the four Pensioned Widows' Homes in 1924.

CHAPTER II.

PERMANENT CONTINUING PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES ADOPTED

By 1925 the club had increased from its charter membership of 90 to 131. Club officers felt it was time to define its relations to the activities it had been sponsoring since organization, and adopt a specific program of activities that would command the continued interest and support of the members.

Committee was appointed to formulate such a program and members were asked to present their suggestions for future activities to this committee. On this committee were: C. C. Lantry, Sidney Katz, Charles A. Platt, Sam A. Kimbrough, J. E. E. Royer, William P. Hopkins, John B. Hazen and George A. Sonnemann, Chairman.

The committee met twice a week for six weeks and received many ideas from the members. After weighing these carefully, the committee decided that a program of activities, to be successful, must among other things have these characteristics:

First, it must be permanent so that it may engage the efforts of the club over a period of years and supply concrete evidence of the results of these efforts.

Second, it must not require a larger burden either in financial support or time expenditure than can be reasonably expected from the club membership.

Third, it must be so constituted that the Kiwanis club can control its management and operation.

The committee also specified that new activities could be added or old ones dropped only after approval first by the past presidents, then by the directors and finally by the club membership. This procedure, followed since 1925, has resulted in the present successful program the club pursues.

Following the recommendation of the special committee, the club in 1925 decided to continue in its permanent program the sponsorship of the Washington Children's Home, the Camp Fire Girls and the Pensioned Widows' Homes, and to add the Little Brother Movement and the 4-H Clubs.

Washington Children's Home Sponsorship Discontinued

Sponsorship of these activities was maintained until 1928, when the Washington Children's Home was discontinued because the Community Chest had agreed to care for its maintenance and a \$35,000 brick home had been provided for it. Two hundred dollars remaining in a special fund were donated to the home for furnishing the reception room.

Other Activities Added to the Club's Permanent Program

In 1929 the club started an Educational Endowment Fund to assist in educating worthy boys and girls.

In 1930, 77 acres, nine miles north of Spokane, were secured as a site for a Health Center summer camp for underprivileged children.

In 1931 the club accepted the sponsorship of a troop of struggling Boy Scouts that has since become one of the best troops in the city, with more Eagle Scouts among its members and more honors won than any other troop.

In 1944 the sponsorship of a Dads' Home for ten men over 60 was assumed and a home bought for their use in an attractive residential district of Spokane.

The following chart indicates the continuity of the club's program of activities as adopted in 1925:

Spokane's Permanent Continuing Program

1922	Camp Fire Girls								
1923	Camp Fire Girls	Widowed Mothers' Homes							
1924	Camp Fire Girls	Widowed Mothers' Homes							
1925	Camp Fire Girls	Widowed Mothers' Homes	Kiwanis Brothers						
1926	Camp Fire Girls	Widowed Mothers' Homes	Kiwanis Brothers	4-H Club					
1927	Camp Fire Girls	Widowed Mothers' Homes	Kiwanis Brothers	4-H Club					
1928	Camp Fire Girls	Widowed Mothers' Homes	Kiwanis Brothers	4-H Club					
1929	Camp Fire Girls	Widowed Mothers' Homes	Kiwanis Brothers	4-H Club	Ed. End. Fund				
1930	Camp Fire Girls	Widowed Mothers' Homes	Kiwanis Brothers	4-H Club	Ed. End. Fund	Health Center			
1931	Camp Fire Girls	Widowed Mothers' Homes	Kiwanis Brothers	4-H Club	Ed. End. Fund	Health Center	Boy Scouts		
1932	Camp Fire Girls	Widowed Mothers' Homes	Kiwanis Brothers	4-H Club	Ed. End. Fund	Health Center	Boy Scouts		
1933-43	Camp Fire Girls	Widowed Mothers' Homes	Kiwanis Brothers	4-H Club	Ed. End. Fund	Health Center	Boy Scouts	Mothers' Rest Camp	
1944-45	Camp Fire Girls	Widowed Mothers' Homes	Kiwanis Brothers	4-H Club	Ed. End. Fund	Health Center	Boy Scouts	Mothers' Rest Camp	Dads' Home

CHAPTER III.

SPOKANE CLUB'S PRESENT ACTIVITIES IN THE ORDER OF THEIR ADOPTION

Camp Fire Girls (1922)

The club began its sponsorship of the Camp Fire Girls in June 1922 by contributing \$1000 of the \$4000 required to purchase 16 acres at Camp Sweyolakan on Lake Coeur d'Alene. In July of that year members took a tractor out to the camp and spent two days clearing the beaches.

Each year since that time members and their families have made one or more trips to the camp to spend the day picnicking and making improvements. A cedar flagpole, drinking fountain, new docks, new boats, new asphalt tennis court have been presented. New trails have been cleared, repairs made to buildings, water pipes installed, docks repaired, units and mess hall painted, etc.

Each year Kiwanis sponsors a Grand Camp Fire Council, which is attended by 1200 to 1500 Camp Fire Girls from the Inland Empire. Kiwanians help furnish transportation for these girls, and act as ticket takers and ushers at Council meetings.

In 1929 the club assisted in the purchase of a second camp unit of 64 acres — Kiwan-echo — and helped build a dock and tent-houses. In 1945 an 8½-acre tract across the bay was purchased to provide road for easier access to camp and to be used as an over-night camp, at a cost of \$5000 for camp and improvements. The club also donated the use of the west 10 acres of its Health Center at Dartford for the use of a day camp by the Camp Fire Girls.

A total of \$12,000 has been raised for Camp Fire Girl activities by Kiwanis. The Coeur d'Alene Kiwanis Club has cooperated throughout these years in improving the camp and providing necessary funds for its maintenance.



Kiwanis observes Camp Fire Day. Pres. Otto Warn, Joel Ferris, R. J. Wortman.

Widowed Mothers' Homes (1923)

In 1925, when the club's continuing program, including this activity, was adopted, the members entered wholeheartedly into its sponsorship. The Articles of Incorporation of the Mothers' Home Association were amended, providing seven of its eleven trustees should be Kiwanians.

Rules Governing Occupancy of Homes

Rules were drawn up for the homes, providing mothers could occupy them as long as they kept them in good condition and remained unmarried. Rent was set at \$15 per month. Title of the property is always to remain in the name of the Mothers' Home Association. Homes are to be tax-free, and occupied rent-free and

tax-free by mothers after they have paid in an amount equal to a fair appraised valuation of the property.

Two homes were secured in 1925, 1926 and 1927 and in 1928 three homes were bought with \$5000 donated by member Adolph Galland. Additional homes were purchased each year until 1933; in 1934, through a special deal with a local savings society, seven homes were acquired, enabling the club to reach the goal it had set of 25 homes. Two additional homes were bought in 1937, making a total of 27 homes.

Homes All Paid For

Last home was paid for in 1944. In 1944 and 1945 three homes were sold to accommodate mothers who wished smaller homes and two new homes bought. In 1944, James L. Spahr, a Davenport Hotel footman, willed the Kiwanis Club his \$3000 home, so the number still remains at 27, conservatively valued at \$82,500.

Eleven mothers have paid out on their homes and occupy them rent-free and tax-free. Paint and calsomine are always available to the mothers without cost for improving their homes. Members make frequent trips to the homes for making necessary repairs and improvements. The club furnishes the mothers with two turkeys for an annual Christmas party, which club officers always attend and enjoy.

The mothers each year can fruit and vegetables for the men at the Dads' Home. Towels, pillow cases and other work the mothers embroider are auctioned off each year to wives of Kiwanis members.



Spokane Kiwanis has 27 Widowed Mothers' Homes. This home was built by pupils of Libby Junior High School.



President Ray Penning presents homes rent-free and tax-free to two widowed mothers.



Pres. J. E. E. Royer shows model of widowed mother's home to convention visitors.

Kiwanis Brothers

(1925)

Members engaged in this activity act as Big Brothers to the Little Brothers in our Widowed mothers' and other worthy homes. Members endeavor to take the place of a father in advising and counseling the boys. These boys, aged from eight to twelve, are accepted on the advice of a county social worker, who acts as secretary of the Big Brother Committee.



Kiwanis Little Brothers enjoy turkey at annual Christmas banquet



Little Brothers consulting Big Brother chairman John Huneke.



First three presidents of Spokane Kiwanis Club, C. C. Lantry, W. A. Monten and C. A. Platt, and club architect H. C. Whitehouse working at Camp Sweyolakan, 1922. Camp Fire Girls are the club's oldest activity.

Big Brothers plan to see their Little Brothers weekly, check on their school work, take them to football and baseball games and on outings, and otherwise endeavor to gain their confidence so they can help them with their problems. Little Brothers are invited to club meetings once a year, and have a picnic each summer and an annual Christmas party with turkey and all the trimmings, presents and a program of entertainment. Two weeks at summer camp is provided for each boy, also YMCA memberships. Boys have special Kiwanis membership cards, and merit pins are presented to deserving boys twice a year.

Many Little Brothers the club has sponsored have grown into fine citizens. Several have completed or are attending college. A large number served in the Second World War and have visited the club while on leave from service.

4-H Clubs (1926)

The club sponsors 4-H Club groups made up of sons and daughters of widowed mothers. Prizes are awarded at an Achievement Night each fall.

Each spring the club pays tuition and expenses for a group of these boys and girls and their leaders to the Annual 4-H Club Conference.

For the last three years Spokane County 4-H Clubs have held their annual conference at our Health Center, with a nominal fee to cover expenses.

The Kiwanis Club has sponsored Pig, Lamb, Potato, Capon, Corn and Chicken clubs. Always has money available to loan to 4-H Clubbers for

purchase of livestock and is greatly interested in building up a superior strain of stock throughout the county. The County 4-H Club agent is a member of the Kiwanis Club.



4-H Club Boys and Girls have been sponsored by club for 20 years. Potato club winners at club meeting.



One hundred and sixty-five boys and girls have benefitted from the Kiwanis Educational Endowment Fund. Two boys at Circle K House, Pullman.



Circle K House, sponsored by Pullman Kiwanis Club.

Kiwanis Education Endowment Fund (1929)

Early in 1929 a club member donated \$50, which became the start of an Educational Fund, now grown to nearly \$5000. Loans from this fund have been made to boys and girls from the widowed mothers homes and other deserving young folks; 165 boys and girls have been helped through business colleges, art schools, teachers colleges, Washington State College, Whitman College, University of Idaho, University of Washington and many other institutions.

The Circle K House at Pullman, which has been operated so successfully by the Pullman Kiwanis Club, is the outgrowth of the Spokane Kiwanis Club's plan to help boys from the widowed mothers' homes get a college education at Pullman. The Spokane

club secured the first home for the boys and has financed more than forty boys at the Circle K House.

More than \$22,000 has been advanced from this fund, all of which has been repaid or replaced.

Money for the fund is raised primarily by members who celebrate their birthdays each week by adding \$1 to the Birthday Box. Special donations to the fund have come from ladies' bridge parties, bowling teams and individual members.



Spokane Park Board Visits Kiwanis Health Center
August 1945.

Kiwanis Health Center (1931)

The Kiwanis Health Center, consisting of 77 acres on the Little Spokane, nine miles north of Spokane's business center, was built in 1931 to provide summer camping facilities for underprivileged children who otherwise could not enjoy these advantages.



Adolph Galland

A group of members contributed \$11,000 for the site. One member, Adolph Galland, made a donation of \$15,000 for the erection of the buildings (an administration building, two 16-camper units, and pump building). The Health Center was dedicated June 12, 1931, and has been operated for 15 seasons since that time. More than 1500 underprivileged boys and girls have had an average stay of two weeks at the camp without cost. Religious services are provided each Sunday and regular

weekly entertainment each Thursday evening. Average gain per child has been 3.4 pounds. Club members contribute an average of \$15 per year for its maintenance. More than \$35,000 has been raised in this manner in the last 15 years.



Administration Building Kiwanis Health Center.



Thirty-nine club members spend afternoon painting
Kiwanis Health Center.

Annual Spring Clinic

Each spring, during the early part of May, ten or twelve doctors and dentists of the club, assisted by city and county nurses and welfare workers, devote a Sunday to giving physical examinations to 125 to 150 underprivileged children from the city and county to select those most in need of a stay at the Health Center. Four floors of the Paulsen Medical & Dental Building are used. Children who have defective eyes, teeth, or are in need of medical attention, are referred to the county physician's department to prepare them for the summer's camping.



Girl campers at Kiwanis Health Center.

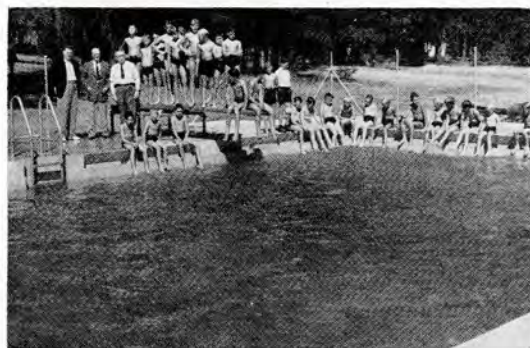
Swimming Pool Added

In 1941, \$13,000 was donated by members (one member, Carl A. Priess, gave \$7500) for the erection of a beautiful 30x75-foot swimming pool and the installation of 4500 feet of 6-inch pipe to provide a permanent water supply.

Use of the Health Center has been gradually extended to include other groups. For the past two years free use of the camp for two weeks has been granted to the Girl Scouts from the Custodial School at Medical Lake. Two church groups and two 4-H Club groups have also made use of the camp at a nominal rental.



Carl A. Priess



Swimming Pool at Kiwanis Health Center.

In 1945 substantial improvements were made at the camp, including erection of a combination fire station and storage building.

The title of the property is vested in a separate corporation, the Spokane Kiwanis Health Center. Its property is valued at \$54,000.

Boy Scouts

In 1930 the club was asked by Boy Scout headquarters to take on the sponsorship of a troop of Boy Scouts. A scoutmaster was secured immediately and during the years financial aid has been advanced for equipment, Scouts have been sent



Boy Scouts Troop 32 lowering colors at Kiwanis Health Center.

to summer camp and given assignments at Kiwanis picnics, Camp Fire Girls Grand Council and other functions. Troop 32 now boasts of having more Eagle Scouts and having won more honors than any other troop in the city.

Kiwanis Dads' Home (1944)

A third corporation, the Dads' Home Association, was formed in February 1944 to take over the sponsorship of a Dads' Home at S. 918 Cannon Street, which provides a home for ten men over 60.

The Dads' Home Association of the Kiwanis Club owns the home, which the men rent for a nominal monthly fee.



Kiwanians putting in an afternoon at Dads' Home.

They employ their own host-ess and run their own affairs. A Kiwanis committee meets with them once a month for counsel and advice. Most of the men in the home receive a pension from the state and after paying their expenses have a tidy sum left for their own use. The success of this home points to the possibility of acquiring other similar homes in the future. Its value is placed at \$8000.



Dads making garden at Kiwanis Dad's Home.

CHAPTER IV.

MISCELLANEOUS CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Spokane Club has engaged in many other outstanding activities, which are enumerated in the following pages.

Business Survey Conducted

In 1923 it conducted a survey among business firms in Spokane and secured and presented information to Nation's Business magazine that resulted in the Spokane area being shown in white instead of in black on the business map, as it had been for a long time. Our Secretary made a trip to New York to interview the Financial Editor of Nation's Business on the matter.



Pres. Phil Brooke's administration boosted the Columbia Basin.

Promoted Columbia Basin

In 1927 the club took an active part in the promotion of the Columbia Basin project with the authorities at Washington. A special Columbia Basin meeting was held with Senator C. C. Dill as principal speaker.

Encouraged Registration and Voting

The club has always urged its members to register and vote and has conducted many get-out-the-vote campaigns in Spokane.



Pres. Joe Whalen's administration promoted campaign for finger printing.

Promoted Campaign for Finger Printing

In 1935 the club cooperated with the Police Department in urging Spokane citizens to register their finger prints. The Orpheum Theatre furnished a finger-printing booth in the lobby and club officials and their wives went in a body to have their finger prints taken. Later a Bertillon expert addressed the club on the subject.



These members forgot to register.



International and District officers visit completed Coulee Dam in 1945.

Educated Alien Applicants for Citizenship

For many years, until WPA authorities took over the work, the club conducted classes and gave much individual instruction to foreigners, many of whom might otherwise not have been able to pass the citizenship requirements. It published a citizenship manual in five different languages to help applicants. District Court thought so well of the club's manual it asked for sufficient copies to supply each applicant. When the Government took over this work, through WPA, the club discontinued the activity.

Boundary Peace Tablet at Paterson, B. C.

Spokane and the other clubs of Division 6, on June 4, 1939, staged the dedication of a Boundary Peace Tablet at Paterson, B. C., between Trail, B. C., and Northport, Washington, as a symbol of the more than a century of peace existing between the United States and Canada. This was the fifteenth such tablet placed by clubs of Kiwanis International since the first one was dedicated in De-



Kiwanians place Peace Plaque at Paterson, B. C.,
June 4, 1939.



United States and Canadian soldiers counter-marching at
Peace Plaque celebration.

troit in 1935. 7500 people from both sides of the line (the second largest gathering in Kiwanis) gathered for the event, which was honored by the presence of high officials and military detachments from both sides of the line. Seven bands were in attendance.

Colored movies of this event were shown throughout the Northwest and at the meeting of the International Council at Chicago.

Promoted Bond Sales

In 1943 the club presented 20 boxes of Delicious Apples to leading clubs throughout the country to be auctioned for war bonds. Much rivalry was aroused and final figures revealed \$6,000,000 in bond sales had been made. Macon, Georgia, home

club of Kiwanis International vice president, Hamilton Holt, sold its box for \$1,300,000, while London, Ontario, home of Kiwanis International president, Fred G. McAlister, reported sales of \$1,550,000.

Not to be outdone by either of these, the Spokane club sold a box of grapefruit painted to represent Georgia peaches for \$2,700,000 in bonds. The Macon Kiwanians sent 200 one-pound boxes of Georgia pecans to Spokane Kiwanians in recognition of this fine work and in return received 200 large Delicious Apples from Spokane members.



Pres. Penning's apple campaign sold \$6,000,000 in war bonds.

Keeping His America American

In 1943 and 1944 the club raised \$13,000 among its members to carry on a "Keep America American" campaign over a two-year period; ran an extensive advertising campaign in newspapers, radio, billboards, car cards, window cards and envelope stuffers. Members also made trips to leading clubs in three Kiwanis districts, Montana, Utah-Idaho and Pacific Northwest, with Kiwanian Edward P. Ryan, an outstanding speaker, to sell the idea. Mr. Ryan appeared 150 times before various clubs. Much good resulted from the campaign; many words of commendation of the club's efforts were heard from leading citizens and organizations throughout the Northwest.



Edw. P. Ryan

Active in War Work

The club was unusually active during the war period; had men at the local USO Monday nights to contact service men, wrote monthly contact letters to its military service members, conducted several clothing and book drives, furnished vocational

speaker weekly at the veterans' hospital to advise and counsel with returned veterans, and followed up this work with service men in many cases until they were definitely located in work they wanted.

The following members served in the Armed Forces of World War II: Pvt. Robert S. Aitken, Lt. Harold T. Abbott, Major Marc Anthony, Capt. Wellman A. Clark, Major L. N. Farnsworth, Lt. Col. Neal R. Fosseen, Lieut. Com. Theo. Galland, Lieut. Com. George Hackett, Major P. H. Hinkley, Capt. William A. Krause, Capt. C. L. Lyon, Ensign G. G. Magnuson, Col. A. C. Nauman, Capt. Kenneth C. Mower, Lt. Col. R. D. Reekie, Lt.



Member Ross Smith forgot to bring donation for the clothing drive.



Lessard, Jones, Gassman gather 1000 books for the boys overseas.

Kiwanis has competed with Lions and Rotary in various sports and been a member of the Service Clubs softball and bowling leagues for several years. Kiwanis has an annual golf tournament for members, and engages in keen rivalry with Rotary in an annual club tournament. Nineteen annual contests have been held, in which Kiwanis has been vic-

Col. H. W. Rymond, Pvt. Virgil Skone, Cmdr. R. H. Southcombe, Major R. A. Theis, Lt. (j.g.) L. B. Upton, Lt. Col. H. R. Wallace.

Major L. N. Farnsworth and Lt. (j.g.) L. B. Upton made the supreme sacrifice.

Sports

The five Service Clubs in Spokane have for many years carried on an active program of sports.



Kiwanis and Rotary play donkey baseball.

torious eleven times and Rotary seven. One game was tied.

The Service Clubs bowling league consists of 16 teams from Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Active and Gyro, and meets each Monday evening during the season. Kiwanis has three in the league, and has won first honors several times.



Joe Albi, President Athletic Round Table, World's Professional Golf Champion Byron Nelson and P. G. A. Secretary Fred Corcoran appear before the club.

Cooperation with County Welfare Department

The Spokane County Welfare Department, which has charge of all social service work in the county, gives the club excellent cooperation in many of its activities. The head of the department assigns one of the social workers as a liaison officer between the department and the club.

Under her direction the workers in the department assist in selecting boys and girls for the spring clinic and summer camp at the Health Center, in recommending prospective Little Brothers to the Big Brother Committee and in selecting worthy mothers and dads for the Widowed Mothers' Homes and Dads' Home.

CHAPTER V.

COOPERATION WITH OTHER SERVICE CLUBS

Dutch Uncle Plan of Vocational Guidance

Kiwanis has been active in Vocational Guidance work in several county high schools for years. At present the club has joined other Spokane Service Clubs in sponsoring the Dutch Uncle plan, which provides for aptitude tests and personal interviews for junior and senior students in Spokane's high schools. For several years a Kiwanian has acted as chairman of the group. Kiwanis International Vocational Guidance literature is used in this work.

Boys' and Girls' Week

With other clubs, the club helps finance Boys' and Girls' Week each year in Spokane, and for many years has supplied secretary of the city-wide organization.

Combating Juvenile Delinquency

In 1943 Kiwanis joined other Service Clubs in a program to combat juvenile delinquency. A Young America V Club was formed among the boys and girls of school age. A membership card was given to each. Free tickets to a movie were given every other week to boys and girls whose cards denoting good behavior had been signed by their teachers. From 1200 to 2000 children attend these shows.

Promoted School Bond Issue

In 1944 Kiwanis performed an outstanding job for Spokane's schools when its members took the lead in persuading the Spokane School Board to submit a \$3,400,000 postwar modernization bond issue to the voters.

President Don E. Engdahl and Elbern Daisley spoke nightly for a month to various groups in the city and secured the endorsement of more than 140 organizations. An active advertising campaign was conducted in the papers and on the radio. As a result the bond issue passed by a substantial margin. School officials and Board members gave Kiwanis much credit for having initiated and carried through the project.

V-E Day Observance

Kiwanis took the lead in calling the Service Clubs together in a campaign urging everyone to stay on the job V-E Day and every day until Japan was defeated. Kiwanis president and secretary acted as president and secretary of this organization; \$500 was spent in publicizing the idea. Window cards and placards were placed in stores and industrial plants. Cooperation of the labor unions was received in this movement, which proved very successful.

Active in Civic Enterprises



Eric A. Johnston

Kiwanis has always worked in active cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, Community Chest, Red Cross and other civic bodies. Spokane Kiwanis has furnished many leaders and workers for various drives for members and funds. It is proud of its member Eric A. Johnston, who served twice as president of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce and later went on to become head of the U. S. Chamber, and a national figure.

Two of its members, John Huneke and Don E. Engdahl, have been chosen by the Junior Chamber of Commerce as Spokane's outstanding citizens under 36. In each case award was given because of their work with Kiwanis.

CHAPTER VI.

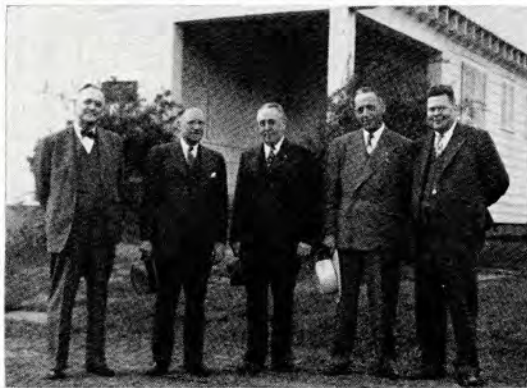
DISTRICT AND INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS

The Spokane Club has always taken an active part in District and International affairs. It has been represented at all District and International conventions since organization. Six of its members have served as lieutenant governors, two as governors, and one as International Trustee. The club has supplied a District secretary and members and chairmen of many District and International committees.

The club has been favored



International President Harper Gatton visits Spokane during Pres. Ford Barrett's year.



International President Ben Dean, International Treasurer Jay Emerson, District Governor Frank Taylor visit Health Center.

with visits from the following International presidents: Arras, McDavid, Heinz, Johns, Gatton, Hatfield, Taylor, Smith, McAlister and Dean.

Kiwanis Events

Each year the club observes the regular Kiwanis anniversaries, such as Anniversary Week, U. S. - Canada Week, Constitution Week and many other special weeks.

Has Sponsored Many Clubs

The Spokane club has sponsored Kiwanis clubs at Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, Sandpoint, Wenatchee, Colfax, Pullman, Ellensburg, Colville, Spokane Valley and Cheney, and assisted in the sponsorship of several others.

District and National Honors Won

The Spokane club has won the Achievement (Efficiency) Contest in the Pacific Northwest District 13 times, second place in the International Contests in 1925 and 1930, and first prize in the Gold Division (for clubs having 100 or more members), in 1931, 1932, 1933, 1937, 1941, 1943 and 1944. It won the International Contest in Attendance in the Gold Division in 1932, 1933 and 1934.



Presidents Gleason, Beil and Mower exhibit International Achievement trophy. Spokane club has won first honors in district 13 times, in International 7 times.



Two District Conventions

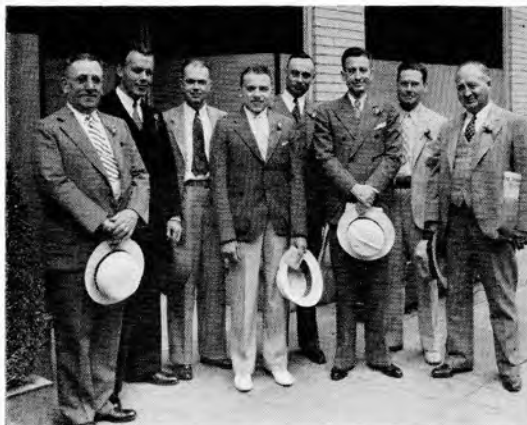
August 21 to 23, 1927, 904 members of the District were entertained in Spokane at the tenth annual District convention. The twenty-third annual convention was held in Spokane August 18 to 20, 1940, with 1333 in attendance.

Inter-Club Visits

Visiting with other clubs has always been a hobby of the Spokane club. Aside from the many inter-club meetings held



International President Mark Smith, Mrs. Smith and Miss Spokane (Catherine Betts) at Spokane's 1940 District Convention.



Pres. Joe Whalen leads group visit to Portland club.

with the other clubs in Division 6 every year, delegations have visited in the past few years clubs at Vancouver, B. C. (2), Seattle, Portland (2), Olympia, Tacoma, Yakima and Lewiston. In 1944 groups visited Butte, Great Falls and Billings in the Montana District, and Boise in the Utah-Idaho District. Vancouver, B. C., Seattle, Portland and Great Falls have repaid our visits to them.



Edward P. Ryan brings Keep His America American message to Seattle Club.

CHAPTER VII.

MISCELLANEOUS

Club Has Three Corporations

The Spokane Kiwanis Club has three separate corporations — the Mothers' Home Association, the Dads' Home Association, and the Kiwanis Health Center.

Meeting Places

The first meetings of both the membership and directors were held at the Culbertson Department Store beginning in May 1920 — the membership on Thursdays and the Directors on Mondays.

July 25, 1921, the directors changed their meeting place from Culbertson's to the Crescent Store, where they still meet.

Meetings of the membership were transferred to the Spokane Hotel in July 1921, and in July 1923 to the Davenport Hotel, first in the Elizabethan Room, then in the Isabella, where we meet at present.

Growth in Membership

The Spokane Club was chartered December 9, 1920, with 90 members. Its growth is shown in the following table:

1920 — 90	1930 — 167	1940 — 193
1925 — 146	1935 — 176	1945 — 256

Growth in Assets

December 1920.....	\$ 175.08
December 1925.....	5,995.08
December 1930.....	21,099.45
December 1935.....	94,445.94
December 1940.....	109,598.84
December 1944.....	140,175.17
November 1945.....	160,332.62

Present Financial Condition

The assets of the Spokane club, as of November 1, 1945, are shown in the following tabulation:

	Cash and Svgs. A/c	Accts. Rec.	Conv. Acct.	War Bonds	Notes Payable	Real Estate	TOTAL
Spokane							
Kiwanis Club	\$ 986.46	\$ 212.50	\$ 614.61	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$	\$ 1,813.57
Mothers' Home Association ..	504.00	8,044.35	.....	2,500.00	5,900.00	82,500.00	87,648.35
Kiwanis Health Center & Rest Camp	1,565.34	92.50	.....	2,100.00	.....	53,852.00	57,609.84
Medical Lake Fund .....	.....	.....	.....	450.00	.....	.....	450.00
Kiwanis Educ. End. Fund	3,128.21	1,724.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,852.61
Dads' Home Association ..	108.25	.....	.....	.....	150.00	8,000.00	7,958.25
	\$6,292.26	\$10,073.75	\$614.61	\$5,550.00	\$6,550.00	\$129,852.00	\$160,332.62

CHAPTER VIII.
SPOKANE KIWANIS PRESIDENTS
1920 - 1946



C. C. Lantry
1920-21



W. A. Monten
1922



C. A. Platt
1923



S. A. Kimbrough
1924



A. H. Syverson
1925



Sidney Katz
1926



Philip S. Brooke
1927



J. M. Brown
1928



B. H. Callison
1929



Dr. R. N. Hamblen
1930



Arnold Gleason
1931



K. C. Mower
1932



Ray Beil
1933



Joe Whalen
1934



F. S. Barrett, Jr.
1935



Guy B. Hill
1936



H. C. G. Fry
1937



W. Otto Warn
1938



Elan R. Sweney
1939



J. E. E. Royer
1940



E. K. Barnes
1941



D. S. Cowgill
1942



Ray G. Penning
1943



Don E. Engdahl
1944



G. Ingraham, Jr.
1945

Kiwanis Secretaries

The following have served as secretaries of the Spokane Club:

May 920 to February 1921.....Graham A. Snow
February 1921 to January 1, 1922.....Harper Gemberling
January 1, 1922, to January 1, 1923.....C. A. Platt
January 1, 1923, to January 1, 1925.....A. H. Syverson
January 1, 1925, to September 1, 1926.....P. J. Singleton
September 1, 1926, to date.....A. H. Syverson

Kiwanis Directors

Because the Spokane Club elects seven new directors each year, more than 110 of the present members have served on its Board. The club feels this is an excellent way to educate its members in the club's activities.