

Our Club's History (3/11)

By Carl Swenson

1. Charter

The club was chartered on May 2, 1951 and presented to the club on June 27th 1951.

The club was sponsored by the Everett Rotary Club.

Current Articles of Incorporation – Incorporated as a nonprofit corporation
June 21. 1988

2. Founders/Charter Members.

None of the charter members of the club are members any longer. However, their names are: Don Alexander, Harold bucklin, Robert Carr, Roy Cooper, Birt De Mundren, Sam Ewing, John W. Goddard, Frank Kingdon, Dr. Lewis Krebs, Dr. Oscar W. Magnuson, J.W. Mathewson, Louie B. May, A.B. Miller, A.F. Morse, L.E. Neumayer, Arne Nielsen, Earl Richmond, Phillip M. Smart, Preston P. Steed, Eugene G. Stine, Juels M. Swenson, Jack Trafton and Terry Ward.

3. Meaningful and Successful Projects.

In 1965 the Evergreen State Fair asked us to put together a booth to sell corn on the cob at the fair in Monroe. It became one of our annual fund raising projects for many years and a lot of fun.

In 1977 the club purchased the first paramedic van for south Snohomish County, providing the start-up for the paramedic program for the cities of Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, Brier, Woodway and unincorporated areas.

In 1986 the Edmonds and Lynnwood Rotary clubs joined to raise the money to purchase a second paramedic van at a cost of more than double the cost of the first van. In order to avoid confusion with Medic-1 programs in Seattle and Bellevue, the program was named Medic-7.

In 1970-80 the Edmonds club built a bandstand in the Edmonds City Park. Every summer concerts are held on Sunday afternoons. The bandstand is also the site of other concerts and celebrations. A new bandstand is now on the site built by the Edmonds Daybreakers' Rotary Club.

In 1988 the club purchased two ergonomic bicycles for use by paralyzed people. The computer-controlled cycles, with electronic sensors, attached to the skin and stimulated the leg muscles of paralyzed individuals. The stimulated leg muscles pedal the cycle and the user's cardio-vascular system gets a real workout. The program has been in continuous operation at the Providence General Medical Center in Everett for 10 years.

In 1991 we took over responsibility for the Edmonds Waterfront Festival and in 1994 we started a fun fund raising tradition with the Edmonds Running of the Balls. We are proud of these accomplishments.

We've sent and hosted students to and from other countries. We have provided scholarships to graduating high school seniors, purchased special equipment for the handicapped, and contributed money to many community organizations and projects. We provided the start-up funds for the Share Foundation which provides exercise equipment for paralyzed people.

The club sponsored the Lynnwood Rotary Club and the Edmonds Daybreakers Rotary Club.

In 2005, Rotary's Centennial year, our major project was to provide, with the help of a prominent Edmonds citizen and YWCA, a 24 unit apartment style building for women in transition called Trinity Place.

Examples of Rotary Service

Harold "Babe" Bucklin, one of the charter members of the club maintained perfect attendance from the first meeting until 46 years later when surgery ended his magnificent achievement. The weather station at the Port of Edmonds is named in his honor.

The club has been the original home club of three district governors:

John King, 1972-73. (When the club was in District 504)

George Brent, 1994-95

Stan Dickison, 1997-98

Carl Swenson, 1983-84 (A past district governor transferred from Ballard Rotary Club and is currently a member.)

PAST PRESIDENTS OF ROTARY CLUB OF EDMONDS

1951/52	John VV. Goddard	1997/98	Jaclyn Paul
1952/53	Phil Smart	1998/99	Patricia Thorpe
1953/54	Terry Ward	1999/00	Pat Shields
1954/55	John Pierce	2000/01	Staser Holcomb
1955/56	Harry Fredericksen	2001/02	Pam Halsan
1956/57	Larry Neumeyer	2002/03	Sally Hyde
1957/58	John A. Porter	2003/04	Vern Chase
1958/59	Harold A. Bucklin	2004/05	Elizabeth Crouch
1959/60	Al Christensen	2005/06	Michael Kealy
1960/61	Albert Culverwell	2006/07	Alex Hopkins
1961/62	Russel Graves	2007/08* (1 st Qtr.)	Vern Chase
1962/63	John Whitaker	2007/08* (2 nd Qtr.)	Pat Shields
1963/64	Gerry Calstrom	2007/08* (3 rd Qtr.)	Staser Holcomb

1964/65	Larry Hoover	2007/08* (4th Qtr.)	Elizabeth Crouch
1965/66	Oscar Magnuson	2008/09	Doug Purcell
1966/67	George W. Fischer	2009/10	Carol Kinney
1967/68	William C. Bell	2010/11	Don Henderson
1968/69	Hartford Barnes		
1969/70	Frank W. Moffett		
1970/71	William Phillips		
1971/72	Roy Stringer		
1972/73	Roy Burns		
1973/74	Jack Cooper		
1974/75	John Macleod		
1975/76	Richard Cole		
1976/77	Tom Cams		
1977/78	James Tuura		
1978/79	Merville Davis		
1979/80	William T. Moran		
1980/81	Bill Crump		
1981/82	Mario Foster		
1982/83	Bert Ketcham		
1983/84	Richard Tilschner		
1984/85	Stephen C Johnson		
1985/86	John Harter		
1986/87	Daniel Prinz		
1987/88	George Brent		
1988/89	Robert Smith		
1989/90	J. Reece Lewis		

1990/91	Stan Dickison		
1991/92	James "Rock" Roth		
1992/93	Dr. Theodore Ferry		
1993/94	James Traner		
1994/95	Robert Hilton		
1995/96	Christie Samples		
1996/97	George Smith		

*Four past presidents were elected to serve in place of David Stern, Chief of Police of Edmonds who died only weeks before he was scheduled to become the new president.