

Great Moments in Lakewood Kiwanis History

- **1921** The Kiwanis club of Lakewood, Ohio chartered with 83 members
- **1924** Lakewood Kiwanis Lodge built in Metropolitan Park
- **1930** "Old Clothes Project" created to benefit less-fortunate citizens of Lakewood
- **1932** Cowbell competition begins with West Park
- **1933** First annual Kiwanis "Old Timers Day" takes place. No dues payments required for entire membership for second half of the year
- **1939** Lakewood Kiwanis builds an elaborate float to participate in Lakewood's "Semi-Centennial" parade
- **1942** Kiwanis members and wives take part in assisting the war effort
- **1946** Lakewood Kiwanis marks its 25th Anniversary. Luncheon given to honor ninety World War II veterans
- **1948** Pot Luck dinners begin and attract hundreds over the next decade
- **1949** State of Ohio incorporated The Kiwanis Club of Lakewood. Rummage Sale started
- **1951** 30th Anniversary celebrated. Ten of original 83 members honored
- **1953** Improvements made to Kiwanis Lodge. Lakewood Kiwanis membership reaches 171
- **1954** First scholarship awarded to Nancy Toser, a Lakewood High School student. Fishing trips and boat tours popular that summer
- **1955** City of Lakewood joins Lakewood Kiwanis as NBC's "Horace Heidt Show" originates from the new Lakewood Civic Auditorium
- **1956** Lakewood Kiwanis awarded first place in Ohio District Gold Division Achievement Report
- **1958** A crowd of more than 200 attend as Ken Barkhauser is installed as president
- **1960** After belonging to 6th, 10th and 16th Divisions, Lakewood Kiwanis becomes part of the 14th Division
- **1961** Lakewood Kiwanis Scholarship Foundation chartered
- **1962** Kiwani-Anns organized
- **1963** Lakewood Y receives gift of \$12,000 from Kiwanis. Scholarship "sales stamps" program discontinued
- **1964** Harry Young of Detroit, the oldest living Charter Member of Kiwanis International, special guest speaker at Lakewood Interclub
- **1965** Seven members of Lakewood Kiwanis attend Golden Anniversary of Kiwanis International in Detroit. Astronaut James McDivitt welcomed as guest speaker
- **1967** Weekly meetings moved to Lakewood YMCA
- **1968** Family Reunion Day begins in summer
- **1969** Administrative Year changes to begin October 1st. Lakewood Kiwanis teams with "The Group" to sponsor annual variety show at Lakewood High
- **1970** Conference takes place on nationally-recognized "Operation Drug Alert." Kiwanis Lodge closes at the request of the Metropolitan Park Board
- **1971** Donation of Picnic Pavilion at Lakewood Park in honor of our 50th Anniversary. An overflow crowd of more than 450 jam City Hall for the anniversary banquet May 15th

- **1974** Legion of Honor pins awarded to J. Frank Gibson (50 years), Cap Clark (45 years), Coleman Gordon and Ed Sargent (40 years), and Virgil Wallace (35 years)
 - **1975** 55th Anniversary of Lakewood Kiwanis
 - **1977** "Safeguard Against Crime" the focus of Major Emphasis Campaign
 - **1978** Lakewood High School Key Club Chartered in March. 115 Kiwanians were present along with 15 charter members of Key Club
 - **1980** Ed Sargent, with 44 years of perfect attendance, celebrated 99th birthday
 - **1981** Lakewood Kiwanis celebrates 60th Anniversary. Kiwanis Ranger Relays begin
 - **1983** Meeting place moved back to Masonic Temple
 - **1985** Bill Daniels, last remaining of 83 charter members, passes away. "Kwantrac" donated to Lakewood High School
 - **1987** First female member inducted into Lakewood Kiwanis Club
 - **1988** New van given to Achievement Center for Children in November
 - **1989** Over 300 hours of service provided in Tutoring Program at Harding Middle School. City of Lakewood celebrates 100th birthday
 - **1990** Cleveland Electric Illuminating donates 50 new songbooks for meetings
 - **1991** Pete McGrew honored for 40 years of Kiwanis service
 - **1992** To celebrate "U.S.-Canada Goodwill Week," nine Lakewood Kiwanians join members of other area clubs for an interclub with Niagara Falls Kiwanis
 - **1993** "Kiwanis Spotlight" debuts. "Punt, Throw & Kick Competition" begins in September
 - **1994** Lakewood Kiwanis helps to raise more than \$20,000 to allow Lakewood High School's award-winning "Road Show" to perform at International Convention in New Orleans
 - **1995** Participation begins in IDD Campaign, the first worldwide service project of Kiwanis International
 - **1996** the Kiwanis club of Lakewood marks its 75th Anniversary. Community Sign donated to city of Lakewood and Board of Education. Club membership stands at 180
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